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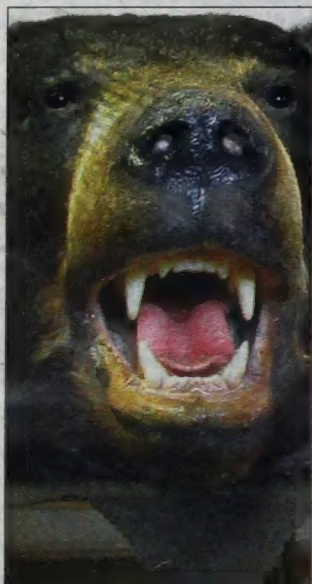
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Hodgson's resignation is a 'devastating' loss to county

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

First came the shock and then came the realization of how much this county was losing when MPP Chris Hodgson announced last week that he's retiring from politics.

"I'm devastated," says county Warden Ross Rigney, who's also reeve of Minden Hills. "He

fought very hard for a lot of change that's benefited Haliburton County. It's nice to be able to pick up a phone and get a call back from your MPP in 24 hours. He was a great listener and genuinely interested.

"He's set a great example of what an elected official should be. Everything he was involved with benefitted us all. We'll notice a difference when he's

gone."

Rigney was at a conference with long-time Mississauga mayor Hazel McCallion, who called Hodgson "the best Minister of Municipal Affairs and the first one who really listened."

Part of Hodgson's legacy will be the new Municipal Act, which is undergoing its first major overhaul in more than 100 years

after years of ministers promising to make changes.

Rigney says that as minister, Hodgson had to sit through a lot of meetings but was able to put it all together and come up with solutions. "He kept his head and his eye on target."

Yet for all he did for the county, Hodgson was also honest about the limitations of his

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They're off

Four-dog teams got the Haliburton Sled Dog Derby off to a fast start on Saturday morning. Conditions were ideal for the races across Head Lake and through Glebe Park. More than 100 teams took part.

Doctors make move to hospital

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Doctors Ben Wu and Emile Campioni will soon be sharing accommodations, equipment and support staff at the Minden Hospital with Dr. Jaan Roos.

"Haliburton Highlands Health Services, along with Dr. Roos, Dr. Wu, Dr. Campioni, the Township of Minden Hills and the Minden Lions Club, have been working together to ensure that our existing compliment of doctors will continue to provide a much needed service to the community," said HHHS CEO Keith Sansford in a prepared statement released last week. "We are pleased to report that an agreement in principle has been reached with the physicians to rent space at the Minden site of HHHS, initially for a one-year term."

Sansford noted that there should be little or no impact to the patients of the three doctors.

The move from the Lions Clinic to the hospital site is tentatively set for the first of April.

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Hodgson had the Highlands at heart

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power, Rigney says. "He couldn't solve all our concerns but he made an attempt to solve most of them and he never promised more than he could deliver."

Yet Rigney also respects Hodgson's decision to step down. "I can appreciate there's a lot of pressure."

Rigney was always impressed by how important Hodgson's children are to him, and how he tried to involve them in his life as much as possible.

"We've been really lucky to have him for three terms," Rigney says, "but I think we'll see him again. I'm going to wish him the best. We'll miss him. He was a great friend to the community."

"It's a great loss to the area," says Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "Chris knows our situation and was always listening and did what he could to help us. He is very sincere and cares about this riding and this province."

"He's got a legacy that will be remembered."

As a cabinet member, Fearrey says, Hodgson might not have agreed with everything his government did but he always stood by it even when it was difficult, such as laying off several Ministry of Natural Resources employees in Minden.

Fearrey respects Hodgson's decisions to step aside from politics. "It's such a terrible job," Fearrey says. "It's a real pressure cooker. Whatever his decisions are, I'm sure they're right but we're really going to miss him."

Ted Brandon, who was Hodgson's riding liaison before taking a job with the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College, says that his years with Hodgson gave him a glimpse of how hard Hodgson worked.

"It's a tough way to make a living," Brandon says. "You're always under the public eye; you're always working, whether you're at a hockey game with your son or grocery shopping and I think it just wears on people. The time has come when he'd like to pursue something in the private sector."

At the same time, Brandon says, Hodgson "lived and breathed politics" and was highly effective as this riding's MPP. "He's done so much for the riding. The list goes on and on. Hospitals, schools, the fish hatchery. He certainly had a positive influence in this region that's never been seen before and might never be seen again."

When Brandon worked for Hodgson, whenever the

government made a decision Hodgson's first question was whether it would have an impact, positive or negative, on the riding.

And Brandon respected Hodgson as a person, too. "The nice thing about working for him was you never had to apologize or backtrack. He was always level headed and calm."

Hodgson's younger brother Andrew, who is executive director of the Progressive Conservative party of Ontario, says that Chris's legacy is how much he cared about the riding and its people.

When you combine that compassion with a gritty determination to make the system work for your constituents, Hodgson was able to accomplish great deeds.

"He was fighting yesterday for SuperBuild funding for Kinnmount," Andrew says. Other MPPs, and even cabinet ministers, are constantly phoning Chris to find out how to get their projects through the labyrinth of funding programs.

"He's got an unbelievable understanding of how government works," Andrew says. "Dad would be so proud of him."

The late Doug Hodgson instilled in his sons his love of politics and history, turning family vacations into historical tours of famous battle sites. "Dad would talk for 20 hours on the way to Florida and it was always interesting," Andrew laughs (with the same hearty laugh of his father.)

Foster Loucks, who was the founding executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, says that what impressed him so much about Hodgson was not how much he achieved, but the motivation behind the achievements.

"His humanity really came through," says Loucks, who retired last year after seeing the healthcare centres' capital expansion projects through to completion. "I always felt that's what you had in Chris - his humanity..."

"It seemed to me that regardless of party, Chris was there for us as someone from the county. He wasn't doing this for political gain, or to get re-elected. It was because he was from here and it was important to him. And it was important to him because he knew it was important to the people of the county. It was never about Chris."

Hodgson's help was instrumental in getting extra fund-

ing for the projects, plus helping the HHHS deal with problems as they arose, Loucks says.

"There's no question that having an ally like Chris has just been key to our success in rebuilding our facilities and the work of health services. Chris was there when we'd run into an impasse or when things weren't moving ahead to nudge things along or unlock a door. We were able to do it because he was there talking to the right people at the right time. Just judging by the interest he took and the support he gave us, I feel privileged to have been on the receiving end of that interest. He made it possible for me to do my job..."

"I'm happy for him [now that he's retiring] but I know the people of this county will miss him. It's going to be a long time before we have someone like Chris."

Barb Bolin, director of the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College, shares those conflicting reactions. On the one hand, Hodgson was instrumental in getting the college permission to build, and funding for, a new Haliburton campus. On the other, "12 years in politics is a long time. Chris has put in his time and met his objectives."

Bolin says that when it came to expanding the campus and the programs it could offer, "he opened the doors to the provincial government to allow the community to host the college. I don't want to diminish the community's contribution but he needed to sell [to the province] how much the community wanted this..."

"Chris's father was a big proponent of seeing the college grow and that made Chris passionate about it."

Larry Hewitt, the former president of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, says Hodgson's departure from the political scene is "devastating."

"He's really helped the fish hatchery which is a definite asset to the community. Without Chris we definitely wouldn't have got as far as we did. We earned the respect [of the Ministry of Natural Resources] but without him we wouldn't have been able to accomplish so much. He opened doors and kept the dialogue going."

Hodgson was also instrumental in helping the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee, another group Hewitt volunteers for, get \$50,000 to improve campsites and signage along the Frost Centre's canoe routes, Hewitt says.

Hodgson, who was first elected in the 1994 by-election, has served as Minister of Natural Resources, Northern Development and Mines, chair of the cabinet's board of management and, more recently Minister of Municipal Affairs, resigns from cabinet effective today but will serve out the rest of his term until the next election, which may be as early as this spring.



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Laurie Scott touted as next Tory candidate

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Few people in the riding know how many sacrifices politicians and their families have to make more than Laurie Scott.

The daughter of the late Bill Scott, one of Canada's longest-serving Members of Parliament, Laurie was two when her father was first elected to serve the people of Haliburton-Victoria in 1965. That job took him away from his home and family in Kinmount for 25 years. In his absence her mother, Betty, ran the family's grocery store, raised Laurie and her brother Guy almost single-handedly and also served as her husband's unofficial secretary, fielding phone calls and requests from constituents.

So when Chris Hodgson announced his resignation last week, Laurie Scott, whose name is coming up as his possible replacement, was juggling her reactions.

On the one hand, she respects his decision to step down so he can spend more time with his young family.

"I think people don't understand the sacrifices [made by politicians and their families]; they don't realize how much the family is involved," she said in a telephone interview the morning the news broke.

"I started (being involved in a political family) when I was two. I saw first-hand my father's commitment to public service. Absolutely [the family] pays a price. One parent is not there most of the time – you see him more often in the newspapers. But we had the luxury of being in a small town

with an extended family. I have to give great praise [to Hodgson's wife] Marie for lending her husband to the province. It's a team effort to be involved in politics."

Yet on the other hand, "I'm extremely disappointed Chris is not running again. I've got nothing but praise for what he's done for the riding – his commitment to the hospitals, the college, road improvement, tourism..."

"I can't praise him enough. He's so great and so talented. He's just increased the whole recognition for our area. He's done all the right things for the riding."

"There will be a huge loss."

When Scott was growing up, she was more familiar with Hodgson's grandfather, Clayton, who was the riding's MP before Bill Scott. A couple of years younger than Chris, she took a bit more time to decide to get involved in politics more directly. A nurse by profession, in the last federal election she was the riding's Progressive Conservative candidate. Since then, she's been elected to the national party executive and has been working at a senator's office in Ottawa to get an insider's view of the political world.

With her background with politics and the riding, her phone in Ottawa started ringing as soon as word got out that Hodgson was resigning. Was she prepared to run provincially instead of federally?

"I've certainly had some phone calls since last night," she said last Wednesday morning. "At first I was just in denial [that Hodgson was resigning.] I'll have to



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As the daughter of the riding's long-time MP, the late Bill Scott, Laurie Scott knows the sacrifices which politicians and their families make.

take a few days to think about it."

The provincial riding association is moving quickly to find a replacement for Hodgson, who has promised to work with the new candidate over the next few months and during the election, which

will be within a year.

The nomination meeting for the new candidate will be February 15 at I.E. Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay. Nominations close January 31.

PC nomination meeting set for February 15

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Even though recent polls gave local MPP Chris Hodgson a solid lead against his Liberal opponent, his brother says the Progressive Conservative party is still going to work very hard to make sure the riding elects another Tory now that Hodgson's name won't be on the ballot.

"I'll be spending a lot of time to make sure we hold the riding," says Andrew Hodgson, the younger brother who is also the executive director of PC Ontario.

Andrew says it's in his nature to worry about the riding.

"Any time you have a change it's difficult. The transition's tough but we feel optimistic that things will come out well and people will remember all the good things the Tory government has done for



Andrew Hodgson says the PC party will lend its resources to the new candidate.

the area," he says

When Chris announced his resignation, there was some speculation that Andrew would step in since he obviously shares his brother's love of politics.

"I'm not running for dog catcher," Andrew laughs. "I'm not interested, no."

Dale Walker is the president of the Tory riding association for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock, says that while the association is very sad about Hodgson's decision to leave politics, it's very confident about the party's future in the riding.

"This is a pretty solid Tory riding," Walker says. "Chris helped a lot – he was personable, easy to talk to and always had the riding in his heart. But we've got to move forward. Chris won this riding solidly and a good candidate can win it again solidly. We're confident we'll get the right candidate."

The riding association has decided to

move quickly to find a replacement for Hodgson to enable the new candidate to spend some time with him.

The nomination meeting has been set for February 15 in Lindsay, which means nominations close on January 31.

Anyone who bought a party membership to vote in the leadership campaign is still eligible to vote for the new candidate.

Andrew Hodgson says the top priority is to have an open and fair nomination.

"Once we get our candidate we will give them every resource we have," Hodgson says. "If we have a spring election, it would be an advantage [to us.]"

Hodgson says his brother also timed his resignation to allow him to spend a lot of time with the new candidate both in the riding and at Queen's Park. He'll also work on the election campaign.

Ward says Hodgson leaves a strong legacy

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Jason Ward says he's disappointed he won't be able to have an "old-fashioned, honest race" with Chris Hodgson in the next provincial election.

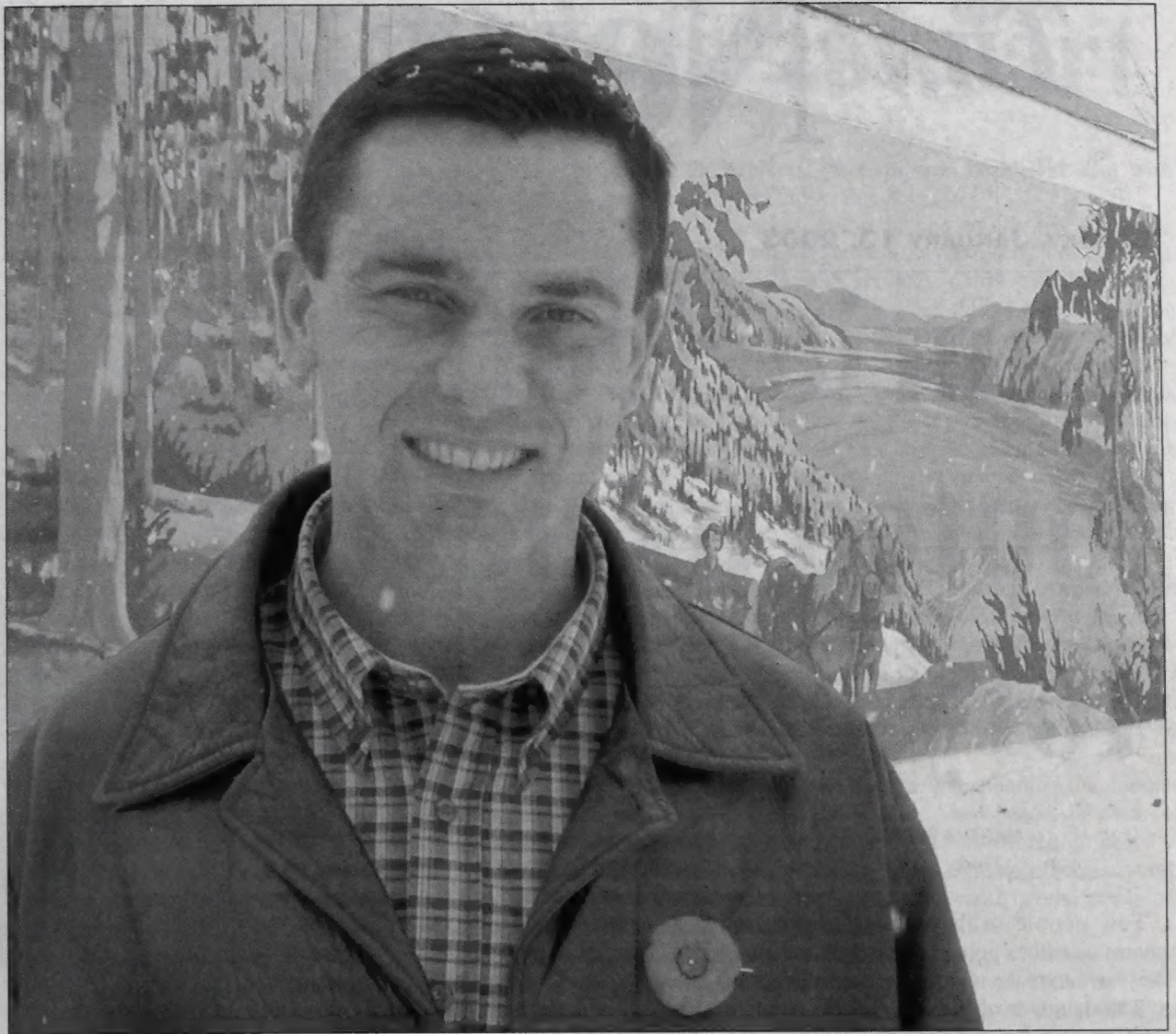
The Liberal candidate says that Hodgson would have been a worthy opponent.

"He has a solid reputation as a public servant and the residents of our riding, especially the northern part, should be proud of what he's accomplished," Ward said Wednesday morning. "I don't take exception with Mr. Hodgson as a person, it's the Tory government's policies, especially in healthcare and education. That's the direction the fight would have taken. I'm uncertain as to how [Hodgson's withdrawal from politics] affects my chances of success but our stance has not changed..."

"[Hodgson] leaves a very strong legacy and what I aspire to is to meet the work ethic he demonstrated."

Ward, who grew up in Lindsay, is in the process of selling his home in Toronto, where he's been a lawyer for a firm specializing in international law. He and his wife

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Liberal candidate Jason Ward, who was in Minden for an interview in early November, says he'd been looking forward to an 'old-fashioned, honest' political fight with Chris Hodgson.

Karissa and their infant son should be moving into their home in Lindsay within a month. "I'll soon be pounding the pavement and shaking hands in Haliburton," he says.

Asked about the pressures politics places on politicians and their families, Ward says family life is the main rea-

son he and Karissa decided to return to small town life. And while Hodgson's job as an MPP often kept him away from his family, Ward says that Hodgson's workload was heavier as a cabinet minister. "I suspect an MPP's lifestyle is more manageable."



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Hodgson proud of his achievements

by CHRIS HODGSON
Special to The Times

The following is MPP Chris Hodgson's resignation statement, which he gave on Wednesday January 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the Queen's Park Media Studio.

When I ran for provincial office during the 1994 by-election in what was then Victoria-Haliburton, I never imagined that a year later I would be re-elected as part of a huge Progressive Conservative majority and chosen to serve as a Minister of the Crown.

It's hard to believe that almost eight more years have passed since then, during which I have had the honour of working on behalf of the people of Ontario in four cabinet posts under the visionary leadership of both Ernie Eves and Mike Harris.

I am proud to have been a part of our government's many accomplishments and to have been given the opportunity to provide leadership on issues ranging from Ontario's Living Legacy and the Temagami Land Use Plan to Gaming and Labour Negotiations to Smart Growth, the Oak Ridges Moraine and the first new Municipal Act in 150 years.

I am very grateful to see some of the people that I have worked with over the years in the room today ...

I got in to politics to help the people in Haliburton-Victoria-Brock and it has been a privilege to serve these people as their Member of Provincial Parliament. With their help and support I have been able to do so much for my riding. New schools, new hospitals, better roads and investments in agriculture, economic development and recreational facilities are just some of the benefits we



The opening of new healthcare facilities in Haliburton County was one of the highlights of Chris Hodgson's career. In this file photo, Hodgson, centre, cuts the ribbon of the Minden facility in October 2000 with former Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon, former Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer and MP John O'Reilly while other dignitaries look on.

have realized during our government's tenure. In many ways I consider these to be my greatest accomplishments as a politician.

For these reasons my decision not to seek the Progressive Conservative nomination in Haliburton-Victoria-Brock for the next provincial election has been a difficult one. As you can imagine, I have not made this decision lightly, but rather in consultation with my advisors, friends and family and at a time when several aspects of my life have clarified my belief that it is time that I pursue a career in the private sector.

Along with my decision not to seek re-election, I feel it is appropriate at this time to resign my post as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. I have asked

the Premier to accept my resignation in this capacity effective Monday, January 13, 2003.

I will, of course continue to serve my constituents until such time as a provincial election is called.

The past nine years have been incredibly rewarding and I will miss the camaraderie with my cabinet and caucus colleagues, the opportunities to make Ontario a better place to live, work and raise a family and the challenges that come with being part of the government. My loyalty and support remain with Premier Eves and the PC Party of Ontario and I will look forward to playing a role in our next election win.

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Downtown businesses say growth is welcome anywhere

But don't lose beer store and liquor store to bypass

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Development - any kind of development in Minden either on the bypass or in the downtown core - would be welcomed by a number of businesses on Main Street.

"Minden needs it all," says Bonny Ackerblade, who has worked at her daughter's downtown store, Simply Irresistibles, for three years. "I don't think we should step on anybody's toes to keep them from coming in."

As the township moves forward with creating an Official Plan, the issue of permitting business development on the bypass has come to the surface of many conversations at the Minden Hills council table. The main issue facing councillors is whether to limit the type of businesses allowed on the Hwy. 35 bypass, thereby ensuring that the downtown core still draws attention from the public and potential business owners alike.

Ackerblade says that all the businesses in Minden feed off each other and need each other to survive, but she says there should be different types of businesses permitted on both the bypass and in town.

On Main Street, she says she would prefer to see "small, quaint stores to bring cottagers downtown in the summer time." For example, she suggests a lingerie store, a shoe store, or other types of unique businesses. At the same time, Ackerblade says, there is also a need for businesses, such as motels and gas stations, to be on the bypass.

"We need to grow and we haven't developed very fast," she said.

Since Main Street can only grow to a certain size, some of the larger businesses who don't necessarily thrive on walk-in customers are more suited to the corridor.

The current Official Plan for the former municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden does not allow for business and professional offices on the bypass. In fact, the Official Plan was specifically designed several years ago to protect the downtown core of Minden from losing offices on the Main Street to the bypass.

Zoned C3 highway commercial, the bypass currently is home to everything from automotive body shops to real estate offices, grocery stores and restaurants.

Long-time business owner John Thomas of Stedmans Department Store on Main Street, said he would be concerned if there weren't any regulations involved in development on the bypass, but says that shopping in the



Darren Lum/TIMES

While downtown businesses aren't against an insurance company moving to the bypass, they do say something must be done to fill the vacant spaces on Main Street.

downtown core serves an entirely different purpose.

Thomas says the draw of shopping on Main Street is that the town has character.

"People come here to stroll, stop at the river, look at some of the shops, stop for something to eat, and for the entire shopping experience in a small town," Thomas said. "The bypass doesn't have that same character. Are you going to bring an out-of-town visitor to look at the bypass? No, you don't want to leave visitors with the impression that Minden is a highway, so you are going to show them around the town."

The main difference, as Thomas explains, is that bypass shopping is "run and gun," or shop and go. "People go to the gas station, stop in at the grocery store and then leave," he said. "In town they come for the experience."

For this reason alone, Thomas said he wouldn't want to move his business to the bypass, but also said the beer and liquor stores are Minden's "anchor" stores.

"Cottagers will likely go to the beer or liquor store and then they will drop into Stedmans or take a look at some of the other stores while they are in town," he said.

However, if those stores were to ever jump ship and move to the corridor, Thomas said the downtown core would lose a big draw.

"I would hate to see the town gutted out. We need to offer more incentives to keep people here," Thomas said.

One store clerk who works on Main Street says an attraction such as the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena does a great job of luring people to the downtown core.

"Once you get established, people know where you are," she said. "If they like what you've got, then they'll come back."

The importance of keeping "anchor" stores downtown

was an issue raised by several of the business owners who talked to The Times last week.

Wayne Henderson of The Storeroom wants to know what safeguards are being implemented at the township to ensure that the downtown core remains viable?

"The reality is that there is a lot of traffic on the bypass and a lot of people don't know there is a downtown," Henderson said. "Minden has a tremendous opportunity to build downtown."

Paul Heffer of Minden IDA says Main Street is all about tradition.

While his store is undergoing some changes, including expensive renovations, Heffer, like others interviewed for this story, said that he never once considered moving his store from the downtown.

"If everybody moved to the bypass, there wouldn't be a downtown left," Heffer said.

That fact aside, store owners on Main Street generally support the recent application by Floyd Hall Insurance to move its expanding operation from the Main Street to the bypass.

"Floyd Hall doesn't draw shoppers to the Main Street," said one business owner. "It's really no different than the businesses that are already operating on the bypass."

Another owner agreed, adding that "if someone else moves into Hall's place then it could be a blessing in disguise - giving a new space for another business that attracts walk-in customers to set up shop."

The issue of vacant stores, of which there are several, sparks fear in many of the business owners' eyes.

"I don't like to see vacant spots," says Thomas. "If there are vacant stores, then there are fewer reasons for

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Working together is essential, businesses say

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shoppers to come to town."

Paul Reng of the Minden Book Store says that balanced development is the key for Minden Hills, ensuring that the right type of businesses move into the bypass and, similarly, move into the downtown core.

Just down the street at Dave's Place, owner Dave Porter says that Minden needs more of everything.

"I'd like to see both the highway and downtown built up," he said. "I don't think Main Street stores would lose business because [development on the bypass would bring more people to the entire town.]"

Porter said that Minden Hills council needs to focus on attracting more people and more business owners to the town.

"They need to consider how to keep businesses here and how to attract them as well," Porter says.

Porter says that Bobcaygeon has a bypass and a downtown core, "and they both do well."

Ron Gamble of Gambles Antiques and the Wild Orchid Thai Food says that once people

stop to shop at bypass, they would be more likely to shop downtown.

"If they don't stop, then the businesses in town don't even have a chance," Gamble said.

Gamble, a former municipal politician, says Minden needs three things. The first is a town council that supports business development.

"The best partner a business can have is town council," he says. "Town council draws business people."

The second thing Minden needs is a revival of the now defunct Minden Business Association. "Right now businesses need a voice and they need a spokesperson who can take concerns of the MBA to council meetings. We need to bring the MBA back."

Lastly, Gamble says business owners should meeting with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, real estate agents and council, and find out what needs to be done to draw more business to the area.

"If we all pull in the right direction, we can get things done," Gamble says.



Allison Taylor/TIMES

To keep their independence, Paul and Janet Heffer are switching to Pharmasave.

Drug store undergoes transformation

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Long-time business owners Paul and Janet Heffer say it will be business as usual for their Minden drugstore on Main Street, which will be undergoing a few changes over the next few weeks.

Just recently, the IDA group went through a change in ownership at the corporate level, which will result in corporate ownership at many of the once-independently run IDA stores

across the country. Not wanting to lose their autonomy and become part of a chain, the Heffers decided to join Pharmasave - a national group of independent pharmacists.

"We really like the direction of an independent pharmacy," Paul says. "Otherwise they will dictate sales and we would have little say over promotions and other things."

The transition from IDA to Pharmasave started last weekend with some cosmetic changes to the store, such as new carpet, a

revamped pharmacy, new cash registers and some alterations to the shelves. The store will be painted at the end of the renovations, which are expected to last several weeks.

As well as the physical changes, the store will also carry new store-brand products and some different greeting cards.

In February, Paul says the new store will likely have a grand opening.

"Change is good," Janet said. "It's a whole new start."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Thanks Chris

The Honourable Chris Hodgson's announcement last week that he will not seek re-election to the provincial legislature took most of us by surprise.

We're disappointed that we will be losing what many consider the best provincial representative we've had in this riding. He has certainly done a tremendous amount for Haliburton County in the past nine years since he was elected in a by-election in the spring of 1994.

No matter what your political stripe, you have to admit Minden and Haliburton wouldn't have the health care options we do if it weren't for the dogged determination of Chris Hodgson to ensure both communities have hospital facilities.

In addition, he was a driving force in establishing, in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, the Ministry of Natural Resources and others, a fish hatchery in Haliburton County that raises, among others, the Haliburton strain of lake trout for stocking in county lakes. During his term as Natural Resources Minister, his government began an investment in the future of a fishery which will pay dividends for anglers for generations to come. The natural environment and the fishing opportunities that Haliburton County offers contribute to our financial well-being.

Hodgson's support for projects such as the new campus for Sir Sandford Fleming College in Haliburton, as well as the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, helped to ensure that those visions have or will soon become realities.

Chris Hodgson's accomplishments have been many. Premier Mike Harris recognized Hodgson's potential, giving him cabinet responsibility as Natural Resources Minister soon after he was re-elected in the provincial election of 1995. That was the first of four cabinet posts the pride of Haliburton has held.

It takes a special type of individual to serve in the realm of politics. It is more often than not a thankless occupation. We have been fortunate to have a representative of Chris Hodgson's calibre, especially one who demonstrates such leadership qualities. Through many controversies, he emerged as the fixer who found the solutions that eluded others. And he did so with such finesse at times that he made it look easy. Politics, it seemed, was Chris Hodgson's natural habitat.

Politicians, especially those with high profile cabinet positions, are subject to extremes of scrutiny. Their lives, and often the lives of their family and friends, are under the constant microscope of the media, the opposition parties and others who constantly look for flaws they can exploit. Through nine years, any flaws that may have surfaced were minor. He has lived up to the term "honourable."

The life of a politician is best suited to someone without a family. Politics is not a nine to five job. Our elected representatives are expected to sacrifice much of their time that would otherwise be spent with family, being politicians. Endless meetings and social functions and problem-solving sessions mean the family often takes a back seat to the job.

How could anyone blame a 41 year-old with a young family for taking a step back, realizing that he's missing something, and deciding to alter his priorities while he's still young enough to enjoy life.

To those of us who consider Chris Hodgson premier, or possibly even prime minister material, there remains some hope for the future. He hasn't ruled out the possibility of returning to the political arena some time in the future.

Hold onto that thought.

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Bigwin awaits restoration in Dorset

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

HHOA appreciative of support it has received from Hodgson

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association owes a debt of gratitude to Haliburton-Victoria-Brock MPP Chris Hodgson. The riding's provincial representative has been a supporter of the HHOA's conservation initiatives from the start, more than 10 years ago. Hodgson assisted with the forming of the Association in 1992 and he has played a large role in the development of the HHOA into a world class conservation and educational organization.

As Minister of Natural Resources, Hodgson shared the vision of developing a fish hatchery to supplement Haliburton County's natural fish populations.

He also recognized the importance of the Haliburton strain of lake trout. He supported development of the lake Trout Project, which studied the genetics of the Haliburton strain of lake trout, known locally as

Haliburton Gold. The HHOA, with Hodgson's support as Natural Resources Minister and local MPP, has developed a program of collecting eggs from Haliburton strain lake trout, raising them at the hatchery and stocking them in Haliburton County lakes.

Hodgson also supports the hatchery as an educational facility. Students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School have been involved in numerous projects which have provided learning experience for many students over the past several years and at the same time provided valuable research and physical assistance at the hatchery and in the field. The educational component isn't restricted to high school students. Hundreds of elementary school students from across the county have had

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Black holes

Black hole" – a term most people associate with outer space or the money I spend on car repairs, has taken on another meaning in Minnesota these days. And it's all because of one 600 by 100 meter hole in the ice.

Though the hole on North Long Lake near Brainerd finally froze over last Tuesday, up until then it had been getting international media attention. It must have been a slow news week though because that very same patch of open water garnered absolutely no media attention last summer.

This winter, however, experts and local residents, who also noticed it last February, are calling it a genuine phenomenon. They're speculating that thermal currents or underground springs had kept the black hole open this long. Some even say that a tremor has allowed warmer water to seep into the lake preventing ice from forming there.

Leave it to scientists to avoid the obvi-

ous. As an ice angler of long standing, I think I can safely say that I know a thing or two about holes in the ice. Two theories immediately come to mind.

First and foremost is what I call "The Big Bang" theory. It presupposes that at the epicenter of where the hole once appeared was an ice hut filled with four flatulent ice fishermen, at least one of whom had a new Zippo lighter. Sure I'll admit that a 600 by 100 meter hole seems like a paltry bit of damage for such a dangerous concoction of confined gases and flame, but if we presume that the men were sitting, as ice anglers are apt to do, then we must also assume that the ice and lake below bore the brunt of the blast. This would conveniently explain the lack of ice hut and the

shooting star witnessed in the northern sky that night. It would not, however, explain last year's hole in the ice, unless Zippo lighters were on sale then too.

That probably has to do with a theory I call The New Gas-Powered Ice Auger Hypothesis. Since both holes showed up after Christmas each year, it's not unreasonable to assume that two ice fishing buddies, each of whom got a new gas-powered ice auger from Santa, were to blame.

They probably met on the ice and decided to drill a lot of holes for the purpose of trolling jigs through the ice or more likely for the sheer joy of it. I imagine both went their separate ways, drilling a new hole approximately every six inches. In the end, oblivious to

each other's efforts and maddened by the drilling lust that overtakes all ice anglers, they kept creating more and more holes in widening concentric circles spiraling outwards.

Then, I can only theorize that, as they stood on the edge of a 100 by 600 meter patch of what was formerly ice, they surveyed their handiwork and were pleased. My experience with ice fishermen tells me that they would have then fished through the big hole for about five minutes and then left after realizing the futility of lading the slush out of such a monstrosity.

Either theory adequately explains a hole in the ice near Brainerd, Minnesota, especially when you consider that this town is home of In-Fisherman magazine, with perhaps the foremost authorities on ice fishing in the whole of the USA. When it comes to ice fishing, these guys are always on the cutting edge. Coincidence? I think not.



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Steve Galea

Can't see the forest for the trees

Old-growth adj. (of a tree, forest, etc.) mature, never felled.

Canadian Oxford Dictionary

Moron n. (informal) a very stupid or foolish person.

Ibid

Can I propose a moratorium on the use of the two words cited above? 'Old-growth' because it has been so over-used we can no longer be sure exactly what it means, and 'moron' because it is too precious to be squandered by mere functionaries in the Prime Minister's office.

For readers who have spent the last couple of months living under a bushel basket, I should explain that Francoise Ducros, a flak for Prime Minister Jean Chretien, recently created a modest international diplomatic flutter of dismay by referring to U.S. President George Bush as 'a moron'.

And for readers who don't normally take the New York Times with their morning coffee, I should explain that Gordon Campbell, the current premier of British Columbia, recently enlightened the NYT readership by informing them, in a letter to the editor, and I quote:

"There is more old-growth forest in

British Columbia now than 100 years ago, amounting to 62 million acres. That total is projected to increase in the century ahead."

(Where's Francoise Ducros when you really need her?)

Mister Campbell's assertion came as quite a surprise to many of us who had assumed that old-growth forest was a pretty finite resource, on account of they weren't making any more of it. How do you increase a commodity that, by definition, was created centuries ago? Annex Oregon? Ask Buck Rogers if you can borrow his Time Machine?

Leaving aside the dubious fact-checking standards of the folks

at the New York Times, a lot of Canadians began to wonder what they were smoking down at the Premier's office.

From here, it smells an awful lot like prime B.C. Bud.

But there's something about a forest that seems to bring out the Homer

Simpson in politicians. It was another myopic BC premier, the unforgettable Bill Vander Zalm, who once suggested brightly, "Let's cut down the trees and create jobs."

That's right up there with Dan Quayle's mystifying observation: "Voters are like trees, if you're trying to build a forest. If you have more trees than you have forests, then at that point the pollsters will probably say 'you win'."

And Dan Quayle was hand-picked to be a heartbeat away from the U.S. Presidency by guess who?

Dubya's daddy – George Herbert Walker Bush.

Then of course there's Ronald Reagan. The 40th

president of the United States was never likely to be mistaken for a Rhodes scholar at the best of times, but he saved some of his most magnificent malapropisms for observations involving trees.

Such as: "If you've seen one redwood tree, you've seen 'em all."

And: "Eighty percent of pollution

comes not from chimneys and automobiles, but from plants and trees."

Say what you will about Chretien, he never said anything that stupid about trees – in either official language.

Or if he did, nobody understood him.

Which brings us to the man whom Chretien faint-heartedly defended as "not a moron" – the current resident of the Oval Office.

Here are some of Dubya's pronouncements on the environment.

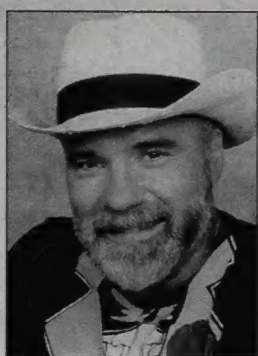
"Natural gas is hemispheric. I like to call it hemispheric in nature because it is a product that we can find in our neighborhoods." – Austin, Texas, Dec. 20, 2000

"I know the human being and fish can coexist peacefully." – Saginaw, Mich., Sept. 29, 2000

"It isn't pollution that's harming our environment, it's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it." – Portland, Ore., Oct 31, 2000.

Francoise Ducros' epithet for President Bush has been called a lot of things – rude, impolitic, disgraceful, outrageous.

But have you noticed how nobody's arguing that she's wrong?



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Fish hatchery made possible by Hodgson's efforts

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the opportunity to spend time at the facility learning about the value of wildlife, some of the conservation practices the HHOA promotes and the outdoors heritage that is so important to the people of this county.

Thanks to his support, about half a million dollars has been invested in the hatchery and visitor centre. His influence, more than any other political representative, is responsible for the success the HHOA has achieved.

The value of the hatchery facility is more than just stocking fish. It includes the promotion of awareness of our natural surroundings and the science behind the conservation practices.

Although the fish hatchery is a large part of the equation, the HHOA is more than an aquaculture facility. HHOA volunteers assist with MNR moose and deer inventory studies, winter deer feeding when necessary and planting of food plots for deer so they will have a better chance of survival after the often harsh Haliburton County winters.

Chris Hodgson's support is, in part, responsible for the incentive that drives dozens of volunteers to supply an average of 13,000 hours of work at the hatchery facility and on numerous other HHOA conservation projects annually.

He has helped to focus and network sev-

eral community partners with the HHOA, providing many social and economic benefits for the county.

The executive, directors and members of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association extend their sincerest appreciation to the

Honourable Chris Hodgson for his unwavering support. We know the decision to step down from his cabinet post and to leave the life of provincial politics after nine years of service must have been a difficult one. His political presence will be missed, but we respect his decision and wish him, his wife Marie and their four children the best for the future.

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

Keep Christmas

To the Editor:

Thank you for your excellent editorial on "Christmas Trees" vs. "Holiday Trees." I am a bit biased, but I feel if new people want to live in Canada, they should join us in our celebrations or, as you suggest, hide out or go somewhere else.

Bill Valentine
Moore's Falls

Note: The editorial was printed in *The Times* before Christmas. Mr. Valentine points out that he had intended to respond sooner but: "This got lost in my Christmas card collection."

Théâtre en Français

The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion hosted the first-ever french performance on Friday evening, January 10. Dubbed, 'La Soiree de Theatre', the staging, put on by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior French students, included singing and a series of short, humorous and poignant skits. Admission was free for the event and it is hoped the production will continue for many more years. The performance also included the Grades 3/4 French immersion students from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School.



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Minden woman faces months of rehabilitation

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Wendy Wilkins is glad to be back in the Highlands but she still has a long road to recovery following a head-on collision on January 4.

The Minden resident has been transferred to Haliburton Hospital after being airlifted to St. Michael's hospital in Toronto with serious injuries sustained in the accident on Hwy 35 south of the Kinmount turnoff. She was the passenger in a Camry driven by West Guilford's Beth Johns, who was also badly hurt.

The two women were heading south to a meeting to discuss how to prevent homelessness when the driver of a northbound mini-van lost control on an icy stretch and hit them head-on.

Wilkins suffered three broken bones in her right foot, two broken bones in her right hand, three broken ribs and a shattered disc in her lower back. At first it was feared she had also suffered internal injuries, which is why she was airlifted to Toronto.

"With the impact, we were lucky to live through it," she said from her hospital room as she

waited for an ambulance to take her to Haliburton last Thursday. "It all happened so quickly. We said 'oh no', then whomp and it was all over except for the pain."

Her foot and arm are in a cast; the main concern is the shattered disc. She's in a brace which doesn't allow her to move — not that with three broken ribs she wants to move that much anyway. There's a fear that bone fragments from the disc will travel into her spinal cord.

She expects to be in the brace for at least 12 weeks.

"I'll give the people in occupational therapy a good work out," she laughs.

While she was very happy with the care she received at St. Michael's, she was glad to be going back to Haliburton to be closer to family and friends.

Wilkins is the manager of Staanworth Non-Profit Housing Corporation in Minden.

Board president Ted Anthon said that when residents heard the news about her accident, they were "in a state of shock and disbelief."

Wilkins is very well liked and respected at the apartment complex and everyone, especially the board, is anxiously awaiting her

return.

"Do you know how to spell disaster," Anthon said when asked how the board is coping with her absence.

While the maintenance staff is there to handle the day-to-day problems, Wilkins was a one-woman show when it came to administration.

"She's very well organized," Anthon said, "but we're not anxious to touch her computer because computers have a way of biting back. When you have someone who runs a one-person office, you don't want to meddle with it."

Unfortunately, it's year-end for the housing corporation which means lots of government paperwork. The board will be contacting the appropriate authorities to let them know they might be a bit late in submitting all the required forms.

Meanwhile, Beth Johns is still a patient at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. She too is facing a long haul before she gets her life back to normal. Her worst injuries were to her knees, which both require surgery. She'll have many months in rehabilitation before she can walk without a cane.

Huntsville turns down request to dispatch Stanhope fire dep't

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Algonquin Highlands will not be operating under one central dispatch just yet.

In a letter to the township of Algonquin Highlands, Algonquin Health Services of Huntsville said that it is "not prepared to undertake the additional responsibility" of providing dispatch services to Stanhope.

"We feel that the risk associated with dispatching for an area which is significantly outside our current catchment is not in anyone's best interest to undertake," said John Frederick, chief financial officer of the Algonquin Health Services.

Algonquin Highlands was hopeful to have one central dispatcher in the township as early as January 1, 2003, and amalgamate the township's three fire departments under one system.

Right now both the Dorset and Oxtongue Fire Departments are dispatched from Huntsville. However, the Stanhope Fire Department uses a 29-year-old system in which volunteers oversee and manage an intricate system of seven fire phones.

The proposal by Algonquin Highlands council to have all

three fire departments dispatched by Huntsville would eliminate the fire phone system.

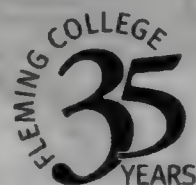
News of the failure to unite the dispatch services was not welcome at the council table at a recent meeting.

The township has spent a lot of money over the past few years to bring communications across Algonquin Highlands to a level playing field, and Reeve Eleanor Harrison said "the main reason to spend the money was to have the entire municipality under one central dispatch."

Sam Lowery of Point to Point Communications, who has been working on the fire department communication system in Algonquin Highlands, said that Bracebridge dispatch services could be a back-up solution. If Algonquin Highlands had to switch to Bracebridge for dispatch services it would mean the entire township would have to change, instead of just Stanhope.

Lowery said he didn't want to give up on Huntsville just yet.

He will return to the January 16 meeting, after determining what the main concerns were with the Huntsville dispatch services.



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Health unit begins campaign to make Haliburton County 100% smoke-free

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is putting a full court press on county politicians, calling on all local residents to contact council members and to support a 100 per cent smoke-free Haliburton County.

The Health Unit's Kris Kadwell, a tobacco control act enforcement officer, said first and foremost the Health Unit wants to promote a healthier environment for everybody.

"It makes a lot of sense to go 100 per cent smoke-free," he said.

Not only does it reduce human exposure to cancer-causing pollutants, but having a 100 per cent smoke-free bylaw for public places and workplaces is something the majority of county residents support already, Kadwell said.

In a random telephone survey, the HKPR Health Unit asked Haliburton County residents about banning smoking in public places, including restaurants, across the county. Kadwell said that more than 75 per cent of respondents do not want to be exposed to second-hand smoke

in workplaces or in public places.

Kadwell also said that in this district, a non-smoking bylaw is currently being considered in the City of Kawartha Lakes, a bylaw is going to take effect in Cobourg on June 1 and Peterborough has already gone smoke-free.

"Haliburton County is a little behind," Kadwell said. "The sooner we get this going, the better."

Next week the Health Unit is circulating a one-page information flyer calling on Haliburton County residents to make a difference in the community and to "help make Haliburton county smoke-free."

The flyer discusses the health effects of exposure to second-hand smoke on both smokers and non-smokers, as well as earmarking how Haliburton County residents can protect themselves from second-hand smoke. The Health Unit calls on constituents to contact local council members, and provides phone numbers and addresses of all four reeves in the county.

"We want the reeves to know that the Health Unit is working for the good of the public," Kadwell said.

The four reeves had varying opinions on
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The Health Unit will be urging residents to tell their politicians to make Haliburton County smoke-free in public places, such as restaurants.

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Politicians differ on who should take the initiative

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how the non-smoking issue should be tackled in the Highlands, but in principle, they all generally said they would support the bylaw if it was presented to them.

When told of the flyer and how the Health Unit included the reeves phone numbers, Warden and Reeve of Minden Hills Ross Rigney said, "isn't that nice."

When it comes to smoking in public places, Rigney said he didn't find it to be an excessive problem up here.

"You can pick and choose where you want to go," he said. "If one restaurant has smoking, then you can always choose to go to one that doesn't - if you want."

Rigney, a non-smoker, said he would like to see Minden Hills smoke-free, but didn't think a non-smoking bylaw should be a county responsibility. "It should come from the municipal level first and then as a group, at county, we could look at it," he said.

Eleanor Harrison, past warden and reeve of Algonquin Highlands, said a non-smoking bylaw should be tackled by the county and not individual municipalities.

"It's unfair to put in on the municipalities because the municipalities are so small and spread out. How do people know if they crossed borders," she said.

Kadwell said "It would be great if all businesses volunteered to go smoke-free, but they won't. The whole reason for the bylaw is to level the playing field."

As the sole politician at a meeting held by the Health Unit a year ago to address the non-smoking issue, Harrison says the Health Unit presented a lot of valid arguments for the county to go smoke-free. She says she has mixed feelings on the issue, although she is leaning toward supporting the Health Unit. She also said the Health Unit should start working closely with the county and should make a presentation to the council.

"I haven't totally made up my mind," she said. "I need to hear more information from local businesses."

Harrison, a non-smoker, said the pressure is going to be on the county because non-smoking bylaws are already popping up all over.

"People coming to this area would probably be well adjusted to [non-smoking bylaws] because similar bylaws are probably enforced where they are coming from."

Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman said the Health Unit has a lot of clout on health-related issues.

"The county has to sit down with the Health Unit," said Tallman, who is the county representative on the HKPR. "This process is going to happen sooner or later."

Tallman said the bylaw should be a municipal responsibility, but as reeve, he hasn't had a single phone call from his constituents.

"We'll see if phone calls start coming now," he said, referring to the flyer.

With concerns about opposition from the business community on his mind, Tallman, a non-smoker, said that having Highlands East being smoke-free is a good idea.

"I would support it," he said.

As the reeve of Dysart et al., where many restaurants have elected to go smoke-free already, Murray Fearrey said that the non-smoking process seems to be happening naturally in his municipality.

The Kosy Korner and Village Donuts recently joined the non-smoking ranks of the Old Country House and Mingles restaurants in Haliburton.

While Fearrey said he would support a municipal bylaw, he said the county doesn't have the mandate to issue a non-smoking bylaw.

"We can't legislate everything," Fearrey said. "If people don't patronize certain businesses, that will pretty much take care of the issue. If it can happen in Haliburton, why can't it happen naturally in other municipalities?"

But Fearrey, along with the other three reeves, said the Health Unit was targeting the wrong people.

"We have a federal government that spends billions of dollars annually [on smoking] and won't pass a law. Why won't the province, or even wider - the nation - issue a nation-wide ban against smoking," Rigney said.

If smoking is so bad for someone's health, then why doesn't the federal or provincial government tackle the issue, Fearrey said.

Harrison said the province allows the sale and collects the taxes from cigarettes, and yet "all of a sudden it's up to the municipalities to pass a bylaw declaring an entire area smoke-free. Why can't the province take responsibility?"

Help available for smokers who want to break the habit

Start the New Year off right by breaking an old habit.

Local residents who want to quit smoking can take a major step towards that goal by registering for an upcoming Smoke-Free Living Program being offered by the Haliburton Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The Smoke-free Living Program begins on Thursday January 16, and runs from 7 to 9 pm at the Health Unit's Haliburton office located at One York Lane (top floor). The program is set for five sessions and coincides with National Non-Smoking Week, January 19 to 25.

Meanwhile the Canadian Cancer Society has launched a new Smokers' Helpline awareness campaign to encourage Ontarians to "Be Smoke-Free in 2003."

The Canadian Cancer Society's Smokers' Helpline is a free, confidential service that offers personalized support, up-to-date information and easy access to trained specialists who assist callers in their attempt to quit smoking. Smokers' Helpline provides accessible smoking cessation support in English or French to all people living in Ontario toll-free at 1-877-513-5333. Specialists at Smokers' Helpline understand the difficulties of quitting, and advise smokers on specific quit strategies that might work for them.

A recent HKPR District Health Unit phone survey finds one-third of all households in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes still have someone who smokes regularly inside the home. That's despite data that shows exposure to second-hand smoke increases the risk of heart disease and lung cancer in adults and makes children more susceptible to bronchitis, pneumonia, ear infections and asthma.

The Smoke-Free Living Program is designed to bring together like minded individuals who are ready to give up smoking. Participants can draw support from each other knowing they're not alone in trying to quit, Kadwell says. Studies show group sessions are an effective way to get people to give up smoking.

Anyone interested in finding out more information or signing up for the Smoke-Free Living Program can call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391. Pre-registration for the class is required.

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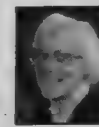
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Doctors agree to form partnership

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Dr. Roos and Dr. Wu will be business partners in the venture and Dr. Campioni will work with them on a part-time basis.

Dr. Roos said he is looking forward to the sharing of resources. "We will have an enormous advantage now to attract more physicians to Minden," he said. He coined an acronym SOS, which stands for Setup, Overhead and Spouse. He said all three elements are necessary to attract doctors. The Setup applies to making facilities available. Overhead means sharing expenses between several doctors and Spouse includes making sure the spouse of a newly relocated doctor is considered and welcomed to the community.

Dr. Roos said that by combining the services at one location, "it will be far more efficient and will serve the patients well." He added that the services will expand as the community grows. "Once we are established, we can branch out," he said.

Dr. Roos' wife Mickey Kalm said she sees a real need for some form of welcoming committee, such as Welcome Wagon, to make sure newcomers are made to feel as though they are accepted into the community.

Dr. Wu is pleased that an agreement has been negotiated to move the three doctors under one roof.

"I'm confident this is the right move," Dr. Wu said. "Having all the GPs (general practitioners) in one place makes good sense. All the [patients'] records will be there. I think it will be in the best interest of the patients too."

He said he is looking forward to the change in venue, but not necessarily the actual move.

"Dr. Roos wants us to computerize all our

records," Wu said. He sees that as a positive step, making patient records more accessible and allowing one doctor easier access to files if another doctor happens to be away on holidays or off sick.

Wu said he believes individual practices are not as efficient as those with several doctors sharing resources and expenses.

Sansford said the move is good news from his perspective. The consolidation of services under one roof is expected to save HHHS \$60,000 since the doctors will hire their own support staff members.

Sansford said he had spoken with union representatives and they have indicated a willingness to co-operate.

"We are looking forward to the day when the Community Health Care Centre can open its doors and provide a range of services including physicians, nurse practitioners, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers, nutritionists, health educators and other community health services," Sansford said. "We are currently developing a proposal for the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, and we are hopeful that it will be successful this year."

The agreement is a one-year, renewable commitment.

The Lions Club owns the property and building from which Dr. Wu and Dr. Campioni operate the clinic.

Scott Moore of the Minden Lions Club said the club has no immediate plans for the property when the doctors move out.

"It is set up for medical use," Moore said. "There may be a need for some other medical professional, but I can't say at this time what we intend to do with the property. If something good happens, I'll let you know."

Kinmount church is healthy for life

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Kinmount Baptist Church members take their hearts seriously and have received recognition from the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit for their conscientious efforts to look after their health.

The church was one of many involved in a Health For Life project around World Heart Days. It was aimed at getting people to recognize the value of their spiritual, mental and physical health and how those three things are connected.

"It started back in 2000 when the World Health Organization designated a day in September as World Heart Day. An awareness project was done in Niagara the following year and we looked at that and modified it," says Tracy Howson.

In the summer she sent detailed packages to all faith groups containing heart healthy tips they could include in their bulletins, a resource sheet, posters, and a "Bless Your Heart" contest with 30 different things you could do to help your heart. People could tick off the things they did and then send it in to be eligible for a prize at the end of the month.

Dan Millard, Senior Pastor of Kinmount Baptist Church, says they had a really good response in the church and ordered a lot of materials from HKPR.

"We were handing out quit smoking guides, recipe books and had inserts in the bulletins. I was encouraged by how well (the project) was received," says Millard.

Howson says many of the suggestions for heart blessings were not what you might expect such as planting flowers or giving someone a hug while others were quitting smoking for a day or going for a 10 minute walk. "We wanted people to think about their health in a holistic mind, body and soul way," says Howson.

Millard says the project was a great idea and he is hoping to get his church parishioners to be even more active next year by going for walks before the service. His efforts this year though were already recognized by the project since he was given one of four \$50 gift certificates to an Eat Smart restaurant.

The Eat Smart designation is part of an Ontario certification program from the health department based on whether or not the restaurant offers heart healthy foods is environmentally sound and that sort of thing. A list of restaurants that have been given the designation are listed at www.eatsmart.web.net.

Millard is really excited about using his certificate at the lovely Riverside Restaurant in Norland.

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Cougars tamed by Highland Storm Atom As

by ANDREW PAUL
Special to The Times

A quick glance at the league standings would suggest a dandy close game when the Highland Storm Atom A hockey team played host to the Bobcaygeon Cougars. Hockey fans weren't disappointed.

The Cougars arrived in town fresh from an impressive win over first place Orono, and in a deadlock with the Atom Storm for second place.

The Storm players definitely brought their A game to the rink for this one. Right from the opening faceoff, the Storm took the play to the Cougars. So dominant was the Storm, that during the first period, most of the play remained in the Cougar end. In fact, netminder Zack Harrison did not get a shot on his net until the 1:00 minute mark of the second period. The Storm demonstrated an excellent team game, and the cycling of the puck in the attacking zone was extraordinary. Their superior puck movement and passing created numerous scoring opportunities.

There were many close calls until Mark Vasey lit the lamp with 9:30 gone in the first period. Vasey got the short rebound at the side of the net from a hard shot by Mike Callaghan from the point.

Every Storm player contributed to the cause in this one. Their efforts paid off with another goal, this time by Adam Van Nood on a back-hander, following a great feed from Ashton Haley from behind the net. Chris Judge also assisted. It was a total team effort with everyone committed to do the little extra, whether it be on the offensive, back checking, or playing defense. Following more great puck control in the Cougars' end, Keaton Gadway scored at the edge of the crease, connecting on a rolling puck, assisted by Scott Griffith and Vasey. The first period ended with the Storm in front 3-0.

Starting the second period, the Cougars answered back with greater resolve and began to take the play to the Storm. Their determined efforts paid off with a goal in the first three minutes, from a scrum at the front of the net. Harrison had no chance on the play with heavy traffic all around him in the crease.

The Storm's forward line of Brett Hicks, Craig Mulholland and Brandon Yake was determined to answer this goal right away. Hicks made a great attempt to redirect a point shot from Matt Rae, but the Cougar netminder made the toe save.

Van Nood saved a sure Cougar scoring opportunity, in a back-checking role, by taking the puck away from a Cougar player just as he was bearing down on the

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Red Hawks grounded by Wildcats



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Above,

HHSS forward Brandon Bowman breaks for the I.E. Weldon Wildcats blue line. The Red Hawks came up short, losing 6-4, in a home game at the Dysart arena on Wednesday. Ryan Wood and Joel Cooper tallied two goals each in the losing effort.

At left,

Red Hawks forward Joel Johnson runs some interference in the neutral zone during a home game against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats. The Red Hawks lost 6-4. Hawk forwards, Ryan Wood and Joel Cooper, each tallied two goals against the Wildcats.

Novice B Storm wins silver in Barry's Bay tournament final

by WENDY SISSON
Special to The Times

The Highland Storm's Novice B team, sponsored by Haliburton TimBr Mart, had another busy weekend. Having played in a tournament in Barry's Bay and a regular season game with Ops, these pint-sized players put their skates on more times than their PJ's.

Saturday, January 4 brought an earlier than usual rise to make the trip to Barry's Bay. The boys were dressed and ready to play their first game, battling the team from Deep River. At the final buzzer the Storm had a 2-0 victory.

That would put our team up against Arnprior and with a little more hustle and jump to their game, our boys ended up with an impressive 5-1 win.

That win advanced the Storm to the A division championship game against a team that has become their closest rival,

the Bancroft Jets.

The Storm lit up the scoreboard first, but the Jets answered quickly with three of their own. From there the Jets employed a strong passing game and outdistanced the Highland boys, leaving the Storm on the short end of an 8-3 decision.

The Storm players came home with silver medals for their effort.

Sunday brought the Ops team to Minden and the home team was back to its regular type of play, taking control of the game early.

The puck found its way between the pipes more times than there was lines on the score sheet, giving the Storm a convincing win.

The Novice B team will host its home tournament in Minden on Saturday, January 18. This hard working group of boys will be playing their hardest and they love to play in front of as many hometown fans as possible. Plan to attend.

Atom As may tie for 1st

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net, ready to shoot.

As the period progressed, the Storm gradually won back the game momentum and again pressured the Cougars' cage for another goal. Vasey was sharp on a rebound of a point shot by Drew Paul, and the second period ended with the Storm ahead 4-1.

The Bobcaygeon Cougars are a good hockey club, as their showing at the finals of the Red Lobster Cup last year will attest. They had to reckon with an even greater force on this day, as the Storm was playing at its best, despite the fact that the Storm defensive unit had only three players due to the absence of Matt Gallagher.

The Cougars finally capitalized on a

power play opportunity at the mid way mark of the third period, but this was all they would get the rest of the way.

The Storm team was flying with chance after chance on the Cougars' net, and continued with sustained pressure until the end of the game.

The Storm will complete its regular schedule with a game against the first place Orono Leafs. A win over Orono may give the Storm a chance to tie for first place.

The Liftlock Tournament at Peterborough is next on the schedule and the playoffs are just over the horizon.

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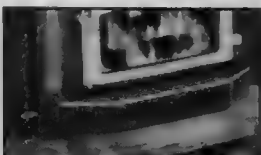
Hawks win:

The Junior boys basketball team returned from the holidays fired up, beating the St. Thomas Aquinas team 57-29 at home last week. Conrad Flatman led all scorers with 20 points followed closely by Mark Fisher with 14 points while Benton Brown contributed with seven points.

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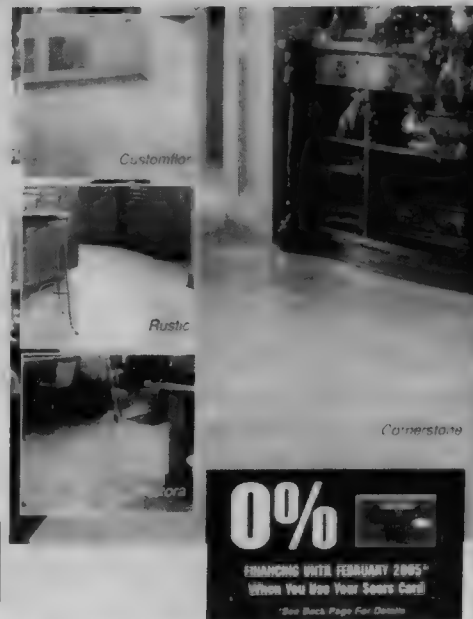
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While you're out there, why not visit one of the gems of the ski trail system? There are many favourites, but a new favourite is the pond side shelter at Moosewoods.

From the trail head, you'll have to head toward the blue loop. Use your map to guide you. To find it, follow the blue loop more than halfway around. You will notice a trail leading to the right, which is usually groomed. Turn right on the trail. About 100 meters in you, you'll find a cozy shelter nestled beside a pond. You're there.

This shelter is a great place to stop for lunch since it has a woodstove to warm you up while you eat. You may find yourself a little hungry since you'll have to ski nearly 10 km before you hit the shelter. Conserve some energy, since it will be about 5 km back to the trail head.

On Wednesday, January 8th the HHSS ski team trav-

elled to Hardwood Hills in Barrie for a competition. The skiers turned in super results. In the novice girls division Laura Stouffer took second place, followed by Karen Cox-Gurden in 10th.

In novice boys Josh Wales came second, followed by Josh Mayhew in third, while Matt Allore and Will Ray came 8th and 13th.

The HHSS team had strong finishes from Miles Nicholson, Max

Creelman and Mike Flowers in the Junior Boys division. In Senior Girls, Leslie Pearsell competed well, and Kyle Thompson distinguished himself in the Senior Boys division.

Last, but not least, Scott Griffith skied to second in the Elementary boys division. He was closely followed by Shane Dibblee, who was 8 seconds behind in third place.

Got a favourite ski destination you'd like to share? Why not e-mail it bpaton@sympatico.ca? Share your skiing secrets with the rest of us!

NORDICNOTES

Blake Paton

Curlers get set for new schedule

by SANDY COLE
Special to The Times

In comes a new year and a new schedule of curling. Welcome to all players, whether you are new to the sport or a seasoned pro. The new schedule starts the week of January 13, with Ladies on Mondays at 7:30, Mens at 7:00 and 9:00, Thursday Mixed at 7:00 and 9:00 and Friday Mixed at 7:30. Spectators are welcome to come and enjoy our lounge and cheer on the teams.

Players should be on the lookout for the many upcoming bonspiels. Remember to sign your teams up early to insure your spot in these great events.

Dates are as follows: Winter Mixed, January 24-26; Business Persons spiel February 1; Mens Rockbuster February 14-16, HHHS fund-raiser spiel February 22, Italian Night March 1; Ladies Sweep into Spring March 28 and 29; Junior year end wrap-up March 30.

For more information on any events call the club at 286-3311.

There will be a special general meeting for the regular club on Wednesday January 15 at 7:30, and the senior club on Thursday, January 23 at 2:30 with regards to the joining of the two clubs.

First Schedule Playoff Results

Ladies playoff winners – skip Nancy Garbutt, vice Bev Wood, second Anne-Marie Cyr, lead Pearle Chappelle.

Mens Playoff winners – skip Alf Trotter, vice Bob Walli, second John Browning, lead Brad Chappelle.

B Event winners – skip Ted Wilkes, vice Dave McKay, second Jack Taylor, lead Jim Burrows.

Consolation winners – skip Bill Roodenburg, vice Mike Clewlow, second James Kerr, lead Wayne Rose.

Thursday Mixed Playoff winners – skip Peter McNeilage, vice Judith McNeilage, second Joe LaRocca, lead Lisa Moore.

B Event winners – skip Peter Alexander, vice Irene Alexander, second Sigi VonHunnius, lead Sandra VonHunnius.

Consolation winners – skip Jack Taylor, vice Winn Taylor, second Brad Chappelle, lead Pearle Chappelle.

Friday Mixed Playoff winners – skip Dan Garbutt, vice Scott Moore, second Michelle Moore, lead Darlene Hill.

B Event winners – skip Al Aubry, vice Sue Ripley, second Kyla Matheson, lead Wendy Aubry.

Consolation winners – skip Rob Eaton, vice Linda Eaton, second Vicki Eckert, lead Gary Moore.

BOWLINGSCORES

From local lanes

Carnarvon

Tuesday Afternoon League

(January 7)

High average: Ken Thompson 210; Mona Benn 200
High single: Larry Mattsson 261; Mona Benn 299
High single (handicap): Larry Mattsson 312; Mona Benn 320
High triple: Jerry Warren 645; Mona Benn 714
High triple (handicap): Larry Mattsson 773; Mona Benn 777

Wednesday Afternoon League

(January 8)

High average: Ken Thompson 219; Mona Benn 192
High single: Avard Edwards 253; Jean Pugh 240
High single (handicap): Jim Chamberlain 274; Jean Pugh 280
High triple: Avard Edwards 642; Mona Benn 556
High triple (handicap): Jim Chamberlain 716; Irene Vaughan 704

Thursday Afternoon League

(January 9)

High average: Ken Thompson 264; Shirley Webb 169
High single: Ken Thompson 292; Betty Henderson 212
High single (handicap): Bill Hogg 260; Betty Henderson 270
High triple: Ken Thompson 792; Shirley Webb 508
High triple (handicap): Bob McMath 724; Doreen Hogg 687

Thursday Afternoon League

(January 2)

High average: Alf Briscoe 224; Josie Cheesman 192
High single: Alf Briscoe 281; Betty Henderson 215
High single (handicap): Walter Braker 284; Pearl Foster 275
High triple: Alf Briscoe 672; Josie Cheesman 578
High triple (handicap): Ross Henderson 716; Pearl Foster 738

Minden Hills

Legion 636 Mixed League

(January 6)

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 191; Pat Roussel 151
High single: Jim Smith 220; Doreen Francis 185
High single (handicap): Jim Smith 286; Doreen Francis 252
High triple: Fred Knight/John Ritchie 554; Doreen Francis 514
High triple (handicap): Pat Bailey 694; Doreen Francis 715

Monday Night Mixed League

(January 6)

High average: Scott Moore 245; Cathy Snell 233
High single: Rick West 255; Cathy Snell 332
High single (handicap): Joe Cox 283; Michelle Moore 241
High triple: Rick West 681; Cathy Snell 811
High triple (handicap): Joe Cox 728; Michelle Moore 668

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

(January 2)

High average: Jim Cummings 221; Mona Benn 191
High single: Walter Stegmaier 256; Edith Alzner 241
High single (handicap): Walter Stegmaier 267; Edith Alzner 299
High triple: Edith Alzner 611; Walter Stegmaier 690
High triple (handicap): Edith Alzner 785; Walter Stegmaier 723

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Please submit your letter of interest to the FWAC, c/o Ministry of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 820, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Attention Linda Schell, (FAX 705-286-4355). For more information please contact Gerry Moraal at the Minden MNR Office (705) 286-5226, or Don Benson, Committee Chair (705) 652-3437.

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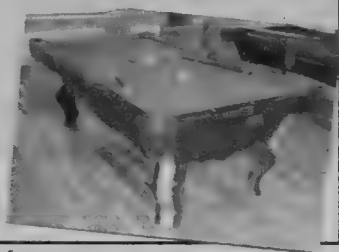
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Snowarama fundraising makes a difference for local family

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Generosity and technology have combined to be a God-send for the Reynolds family of Minden who are blessed with "quite a character" in their son Larry.

The 18-year-old was born with cerebral palsy, which severely affects his muscle control and is dependent upon wheelchairs and other assistive devices. His mother Audrey Reynolds says she will be forever grateful for some of Larry's workers who years ago put her in touch with the Easter Seals Society.

"They have always been very good, just wonderful. They never give you a hard time when you are trying to get help. He has always been in a wheelchair so over the years they have helped with a number of things," says Audrey.

About a month ago, the Society assisted the family in renovating their bathroom to build a large shower and paid for a special shower chair that Larry can be transferred to. The project cost over \$8,000. Previously, Audrey says it was a difficult process to get her son in and out of a tub to wash.

"The shower chair has made all the difference in the world. Unless you've been through it, you can have no idea how wonderful this is," says Audrey.

The society is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting disabled children. Anne Driscoll, district manager for Haliburton, Peterborough and the City of Kawartha Lakes, says things like the shower chair are critically important for some adolescents, allowing them to be more

private and able to care for themselves or are equally important in assisting caregivers.

"This type of equipment is essential and the costs are phenomenal. I am so glad to be part of an organization to help families with these costs," says Driscoll.

Right now she is busy promoting Penny Power a new initiative to collect pennies or any other denomination for the society, particularly in schools and is also working on three different Snowarama events in her jurisdiction including the one at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Centre on January 25 coordinated by the Haliburton Rotary Club. Snowarama is an event where for a minimum of \$75 in pledges towards the Easter Seals Society, snowmobile riders get a free pass for the Haliburton Forest trails, a free tank of fuel and free lunch.

The money raised, Driscoll explained, will go towards the purchase of essential equipment for children, recreational opportunities or research. She says several families in Haliburton county have benefited from the program.

Greg Sheffee, Rotary member and Snowarama chair, says the day is a real bargain for snowmobilers who have the opportunity to ride on some of the most beautifully maintained and scenic trails in the county while at the same time helping Easter Seals.

"At the end of the day you're raising money for a good cause and that's heart warming enough," says Sheffee.

Pledge sheets for the event are available at a variety of Haliburton businesses and he has several at Haliburton Lumber. He can be reached to answer questions at 457-2510.



Highland Storm Minor Hockey OMHA AE Home Schedule

1st round playdowns
(Best 3 out of 5)

MIDGET AE

HIGHLAND STORM VS LAKEFIELD
Game #2 Jan 25th 6:00pm Minden
*Game #4 Jan 31st 7:00pm Haliburton
*Game #6 Feb 7th 8:30pm Haliburton

BANTAM AE

HIGHLAND STORM VS BANCROFT
Game #1 Jan 16th 7:30pm Minden
Game #3 Jan 19th 5:00pm Minden
*Game #5 Feb 2nd 4:30pm Haliburton

PEEWEE AE

HIGHLAND STORM VS CAMPBELLFORD
Game #2 Jan 19th 6:30pm Minden
Game #3 Jan 24th 7:00pm Minden
*Game #5 Jan 26th 5:00pm Minden

ATOM AE

HIGHLAND STORM VS BRIGHTON
Game #1 Jan 19th 1:30 pm Minden
*Game #4 Feb 1st 4:30pm Haliburton
*Game #6 Feb 9th 3:00pm Haliburton

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Celebrating 12 years: Evolution of the HHGG

by LYNN PEEL, CHAIR HHGG
Special to The Times

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group was founded in 1990 in response to a project of the Ontario Genealogy Society. The OGS sought the assistance of local genealogists in preparing a single province-wide index to the information recorded on all cemetery headstones in existence in Ontario. In the process of gathering headstone inscriptions from the Haliburton region, the nucleus of a group interested in family tree genealogy was born. Cecil Rowe and Carol Miles were among the founders.

Through the past 12 years, more than 150 people have joined the membership roll, and many more have participated in the various activities and meetings of the HHGG. Currently, the HHGG boasts a membership of over 80 individuals and families.

The HHGG has become a significant social and historic link in the cultural fabric of the Highlands, freely inviting participation from anyone with an interest in researching his or her own heritage. An ancestral connection to Haliburton County is not required, in fact most HHGG participants are researching personal ancestry



The 12th Anniversary of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group was celebrated with a special anniversary cake recently.

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In the most recent years the activities of the HHGG have followed four related branches:

One, the HHGG provides a comfortable social atmosphere where anyone (member or not) can find assistance and direction to assist in developing his or her own family tree. The HHGG hosts five public meetings per year – on the third Wednesdays of February, April, June, September and November – at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. The free, informal meetings include a program, usually with an invited speaker, who speaks on a genealogy-related topic.

Two, through the past six years, the HHGG has worked on a comprehensive review of all cemetery records for the

County of Haliburton and its neighbouring areas. The Group now maintain computer database records of 39 individual cemeteries, regularly updated by surveying the grounds and systematically transcribing burial data from several sources. Many cemeteries came under municipal jurisdiction only in recent years, and the HHGG has been able to assist in gathering historic data that would otherwise have been lost. The HHGG produces booklets of data relating to each local cemetery; booklets that have been sought by family researchers as far away as Australia.

Three, the HHGG maintains a comprehensive Genealogy Research Library Collection, housed in Minden's County

Town Museum, for those seeking authoritative references to local and provincial resources. They also sponsor and contribute to the publicly accessible Cemsearch database, housed in the U-Links offices at Minden, from which anyone may research details about burials in a greater portion of Ontario.

Four, the HHGG has arranged research excursions and field trips to Peterborough, Bracebridge and Toronto for expanded genealogy opportunities in various archives.

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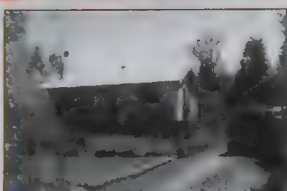
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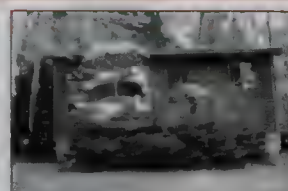
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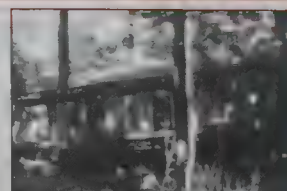
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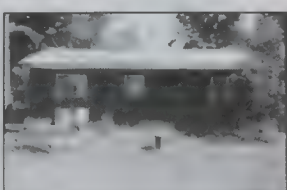
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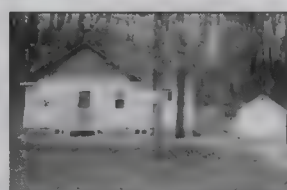
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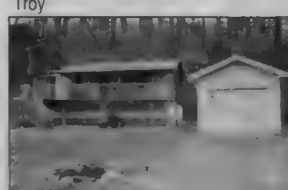
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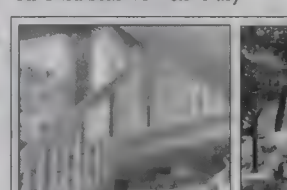
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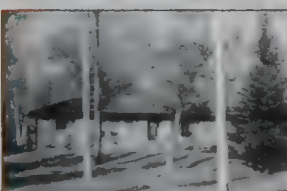
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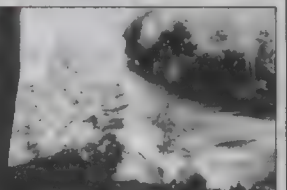
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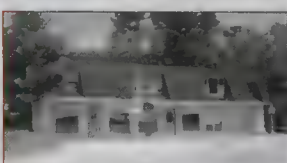
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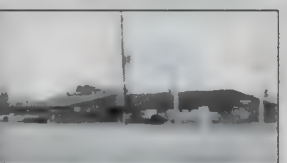
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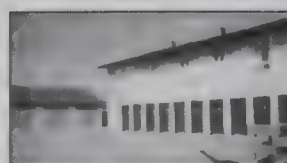
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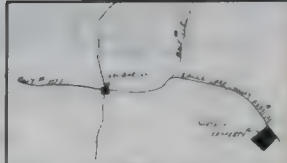
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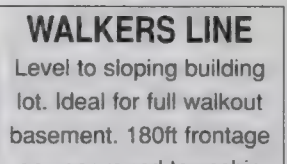
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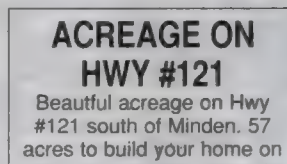
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Fred Simmons with his record book black bear which was scored officially 22 3/16 inches. The huge bruin was taken during the 2000 moose hunt near Irondale.

Fred Simmons bears with us

by STEVE GALEA
Special to The Times

I'm not sure what's the bigger story here: a new provincial record-book black bear or a new provincial record for remaining humble. Then again, I guess it doesn't matter since Fred Simmons has just set them both.

The 58 year-old Minden resident recently found out that a black bear he shot during the 2000 moose season is the new Ontario record in the firearms category according to record keepers at the Foundation of the Recognition of Ontario's Wildlife (FROW.) In hunting, this sort of accomplishment ranks right up there with a gold medal. It's a once in a lifetime achievement that most of us never even consider within the realm of possibility. And the humble Mr. Simmons is taking it all in stride.

"I'm happy that it's a record but it's the good memories of that hunt that really matter," he said. "If it hadn't been for Terry and Liz Cowen, I don't think I would have even had it scored. Liz thought it might be up there in the records."

When he first saw it amble over the rise on that fine autumn day in mid-October of 2000, he was actually hoping to see a moose. Instead, what filled his sight was the massive silhouette of a bear that he conservatively estimates at around 600 pounds in weight. The key word here is conservative.

His first concern, when he shot the animal, was that his aim was true. As it ran off a short distance to die he was hoping he didn't miss. The penalty for poor marksmanship, in his hunt camp, is a photo taken of the hunter sitting down with an empty chamber pot on his head. "Actually, that's what I was most relieved about (no pun intended) when we walked up to the dead bear."

Haliburton-based taxidermist Terry Cowen, who has seen his share of big bears, says, "It was never weighed but the rug took up two full four by eight foot panels. I had a 571 pound (260 kg) bear in the shop last year and it was a baby compared to the Simmons bear. This was huge, from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail was 8 feet (2.4 m) when stretched. It looked like a grizzly bear..."

Reluctantly, Simmons acknowledged the bears size too. "There's big bears and then there was this one. I don't think I'll see another one like it again."

Though massive in size, heavier bears may have been shot. But that doesn't affect record book standing. Record book keepers actually measure bear skulls, much as deer are ranked by their antlers. And here's where the Simmons bear was the undisputed champ. Terry Cowen, also an official FROW scorer, measured the bear's skull at 22 3/16 inches, relegating Paul Zuch's 21 12/16 Parry Sound bear to second place and Ron Sullivan's 21 10/16

bear to third. It's interesting to note that both the Simmons and Sullivan bears were taken in Haliburton County.

Though he knew it was big, he didn't know that he had taken the largest Ontario black bear in the modern firearms category until the Sullivan bear appeared in the December-January issue of Ontario Out of Doors magazine. Then Liz Cowen, an avid outdoorsperson in her own right, contacted the magazine and said that she had a higher scored bear skull in the shop.

As a Field Editor for Ontario Out of Doors, I was then assigned to investigate the story for the magazine's News section. It didn't take more than a couple of calls to determine that the skull and bear rug that Simmons possessed were from the new Ontario record. Although the bear was scored in 2001, it will be featured in the 4th Edition of the FROW record book, which is slated for release at an undetermined future date.

You'd think with such a trophy, Simmons would possess a dearth of photos including wallet-sized glossies and a couple transferred onto T-shirts. (Not that I've given it much thought.) Lesser men have made careers out of lesser things. When Milo Hansen of Saskatchewan shot his world record buck he, literally, went on tour. Yet Simmons, in the midst of a move, had a hard time finding even one photo and only gave an aw-shucks type of reaction when I pointed out that his bear was the new provincial record. Minden Times News Editor Jerry Grozelle actually had to go out and take photos. I'm thinking that this sort of humility in the face of out and out success just might get Fred Simmons drummed out of the hunting fraternity. I'm hoping not though. Mild-mannered, gentlemanly and humble, that's Fred Simmons' — and we could use more good people just like him.





Festival of trees

Six Christmas trees decorated with merchandise from local businesses, were raffled off recently as part of the Haliburton County Fair's Festival of Trees. Winners of the trees were: Ellen McPherson, 1st; Gladys Nesbitt, 2nd; Peter Walker, 3rd; Lisa Turner, 4th; Dan Chumbley, 5th and Chris Baux, 6th. The trees were donated by Stedmans, Minden IDA, Minden Home Hardware, Highland Pharmacy Guardian, Dollo's IGA and Westside Jug City. Clockwise from left to right are members of the fair board: Mary Minto, Gwen Robinson, Paul Walker, Maxine Snell and Sue Sisson.

Policing for results survey

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the OPP will be conducting a telephone survey during the coming months, which will allow the public to voice their opinions on how they feel about policing in the county of Haliburton.

Local volunteers, who will be calling phone numbers randomly selected by a computer, will conduct the telephone survey.

The survey will begin after the volunteers have had their training, which was

scheduled for January 11, 2003. The results will be recorded in a specially designed computer system.

The survey will be taking place between the hours of 6 pm to 9 pm, Monday to Friday and 9 am to 9 pm, on Saturdays.

The responses gathered from the 375 completed surveys are all anonymous. The information obtained will then be stored until an analysis is completed. A report will also be available to the public once the survey is completed.

Competition at the bird feeder is scarce this year



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Spring '56 found Bruce off to training camp with the then "Milwaukee Braves." While a professional baseball career was not in the cards for him that time spent in Waycross, Georgia was a great life experience for a 19-year-old from Deep River. At the farmhouse we remain loyal Blue Jay fans, both of the baseball and feathered persuasion, but had expected at least a little more friendly competition this winter at the bird feeder. Last year's crop of chickadees plus one nuthatch acrobat are sadly absent. According to my Christmas gift book "A Complete Guide to Bird Feeding" by John Dennis the black caps, often the first visitors, may have found an unusually plentiful supply of their favourite natural foods elsewhere. He cautions not to blame yourself or think that there has been some catastrophe affecting these little birds. I hope he is right. Now the bushy white pine which filled our living room with a holiday glow has a new role. Propped against the porch rail its branches give shelter and safety to a welcome flock of busy house sparrows.

It has been a busy week clearing out the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace in preparation for renovations by the City of Kawartha Lakes to meet code standards.

An "official" re-opening of this not-for-profit community co-operative is planned for Saturday, March 1 with new displays of local handcrafts and fine art.

The Haliburton 50+ Club's next meeting on January 16 will be its annual fun-filled auction at the Haliburton Legion Hall. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members or guests are welcome but please call Mary or Brian at 754-3319 by January 14.

Now for the Scoring News, along with the usual reminder to keep busy and well.

Thursday, January 2 euchre at the

Minden Legion Branch 636:

In the most lone hands department it was Esther Lee for the ladies and Lois Adamson representing the gents. High scores went to Kay Orr and Ed Hisson, while the low scores were tallied by the duo of Bett and Ron Sluyters. The other prizes were won by Verna McDonald, Jim Bradbury, Esther Lee, Ron Sluyters and Ed Hisson.

Friday, January 3 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Garth Windsor captured the only moonshot, with Dick Coffey holding the hidden score. Jean Randall led the pinks with 244, followed by Jean Dutka 214 and Verna Sawyer 167. For the white cards it was Bob McConnell in top spot at 231, then Garth Windsor 221 and Stan Dutka 159.

Friday, January 3 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: In north/south it was Nick and Maria Lehoczy first with 60% then Stella McMillan teamed with Ross Davies second at 58%. For east/west Norma Crewson and Vic Mathews were the winning duo with 59%, followed by Mayme Douglas and Hal Beach 55%.

Saturday, January 4 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: First place went to Chris Clarke (300), with Esther Lee second at 287. Hidden scores were uncovered by Rob Evans, Georgina Deeks and Isobel Cherwenka. Moonshot winners were Ruth Kellett, Elva Paisley, Marcel Roussel and Kevin Maloney, who is back from England.

Monday, January 6 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In first was Maxine Cross, with Dean Chambers second. Draw winners were Pat Scadden, Lois Adamson, Anne Baker and Maxine Cross.

Monday, January 6 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Idella

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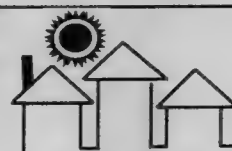
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Marjorie Paradis takes high score in Kinmount

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Gault reports that Norm Lee had the high score, Gala Stamp the low and Helen Skelding won both for lone hands and the evening's special prize.

Monday, January 6 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: For most lone hands the winners were Norm Lee and Betty Sharpe, with Gladys Nesbitt and Marion Stickwood recording the ladies/mens high scores. The hidden score holder was Jeanne Keliele while Katie Parker and Mabel Deacon took the men/ladies low scores. Draw winners Gladys Nesbitt and Lorna Hicks welcomed newcomer Mabel Deacon, who, along with Carl Nesbitt, was paid a special visit by the striped furry one.

Monday, January 6 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Starting the New Year off well were the McConnells, with Gayle winning most lone hands and Bob recording

the men's high score. The Dutka family was also well represented with Jean winning both high lady and the baloney while Stan took low score for the gents. Low lady was Barb Robitaille.

Monday, January 6 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: High score winner was Marjorie Paradis, with Roger Fournier second. Jean Scadden had the only moonshot, while Vic Ballik and Leona Fountain won the special draws.

Tuesday, January 7 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Marie Dennie reports that top spot went to Howard Smith, with Gala Stamp second and Elli Langpohl third. Moonshots went to Howard Smith, Gala Stamp and Kevin Maloney, while Kay Naylor, Elva Paisley and Kevin Maloney held the hidden scores.

Tuesday, January 7 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club mixed shuffleboard: In first was the team of Helen Skelding and Connie Sawyer 375, followed by Syd Lockhart and Marvel Eager 320 then George Hamilton and Laura Carnegie 315. The afternoon's low score of 153 went to Fred Gregory and Lill Allen.

Tuesday, January 7 euchre at Gelert: For the ladies Betty Curry had the high score and Emily Harvie the low while Bob Vick took top spot for the gents and Don Hicks was low. Our reporter Audrey Vick held the most lone hands and Joyce Schellenberg won the special draw.

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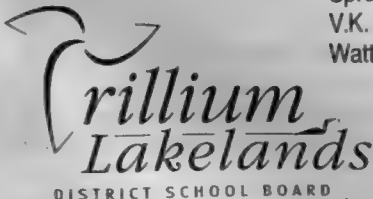
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DC Connection takes a slam in Stanhope

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Tuesday, January 7 contract bridge at Stanhope: There was one slam, by the "DC Connection," alias Betty Dicker and Harold Cox. Ross Fletcher had the high score with 6420 then Len McNeice 5290, Dave Heaven 4990 and Harold Cox 4890.

Lucky draw winner Morris Hansen congratulated Ross Fletcher on receiving the "LSWSOFL" for being "Lead Singer With Stanhope's Own Four Lads."

Wednesday, January 8 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: In north/south Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher were first at 64% with Stella McMillan and Ross Davies second at 50%. Over in east/west, top spot went to Vic Mathews teamed with Hal Beach at

62%, followed by Reet Murray and Mayme Douglas with 51%.

Wednesday, January 8 bid euchre at Stanhope: Marj Coffey had a single moonshot with Pat Roussel taking two. Pat also led the pinks with 311, followed by Gayle McConnell 229 and Sandy Poulton 224. At 290 Garth Windsor was first for the white cardholders, with Norm Lee 272 second and Kevin Maloney 260 third.

Wednesday, January 8 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Mary Wilkin's took the ladies high score and Barb Dunbar the low, while for the gents it was Truman McNeil high and Jim Corbett low. Roger Fournier had most lone hands and Marg Viney won the draw.

Forensic evidence plays role in elk shooting conviction

Forensic evidence played a key role in convicting an Etobicoke man of shooting an elk - a protected species in Ontario.

Helmet Bosshardt, 68, has been fined \$3,000, and his hunting licence is suspended for one year, after he pleaded guilty to unlawfully hunting elk, contrary to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

An elk was shot just south of Bancroft in Mayo township, during the 2001 deer-hunting season. The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) canvassed surrounding hunt camps, at the time of the incident, but no hunters came forward to indicate they had accidentally shot the animal.

MNR Bancroft District Conservation Officers conducted a 10-month investigation, which led to the execution of a search warrant and seizure of a firearm

belonging to Bosshardt. Forensic tests indicated it had fired a bullet retrieved from the elk carcass.

Bosshardt was charged in late October 2002.

In addition to the fine, Bosshardt has donated \$1,000, to the Bancroft/North Hastings Elk Restoration Committee.

The dead elk was part of a herd that was introduced in the Bancroft area beginning in 1998. These animals are protected under provincial law and cannot be hunted.

Justice of the Peace F. Ross heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Bancroft on January 7, 2003.

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Highlands set to host Alzheimer workshop

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area is hosting a workshop/speaker day for professionals and family members caring for individuals with Alzheimer disease at the Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton.

Janet Bottum, the society's Haliburton office coordinator, says it was important to her to have a day for people in this county who may not have been able to travel to workshops in Peterborough in the past.

The event is on January 22 and covers various issues caregivers face while dealing with this progressively debilitating disease. Pam Fisher from the Psycho-geriatric Association for Research for the

Elderly (PACE) will be discussing how to deal with delirium, depression and dementia in the morning session.

The afternoon's main speaker will be Carol Edwards, a Registered Nurse who will put a positive spin on caring for those with the disease. Edwards is known for her warmth and humour and titles her talk the Sunny Side of Stress.

The society's Peterborough education coordinator, Karen Marten, and Bottum, will talk about the family experience. Bottum says their goal is to try and make the caregivers job a bit easier by understanding the reality of being in that role, a topic she can speak to from first hand experience.

"My father was diagnosed at the age of 61 so there was a huge impact on my family. Taking this job gives me the feeling of

doing something proactive. It helps me to feel connected to my Dad, who died in '97," says Bottum.

She explained her father lived with the disease for 13 years and Bottum remembers the difficulty of the decisions at various stages of the diseases from beginning to the end when they were forced to consider professional long-term care. She hopes to be able to offer comfort and important information to others who are now confronted with those decisions.

Bottum says in the year she has been in her position there have been an increasing number of people making use of the office but it tends only to be those in a younger generation making use of the support groups. She thinks this may be because younger people have been raised to accept therapy and support groups as being as

acceptable as band aides and hugely beneficial.

There are 327 known cases of dementia in those aged 65 plus in Haliburton while the society's statistics estimate the number of cases is actually 487 based on national percentages data. Bottum says the number of people she is seeing is growing but has not reached these stats yet, leaving her to believe there are a lot more caregivers out there who could use the assistance the society offers.

For more information about the workshop call the Haliburton office at 457-8335. Bottum is also hoping people will come down to Peterborough for the indoor Walk for Memories on Jan. 26, a fund-raising effort. She says she is hoping to do a 5km run in Haliburton in June but arrangements have yet to be finalized.

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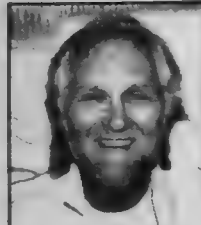
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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and
IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, a portion of the road right of way, situated in Lots 33,34, and 35 Concession XI, in the geographic Township of Dysart.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.M.45 as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton proposes to consider, and if deemed appropriate, enact at its meeting to be held in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building on Newcastle Street, in the Town of Minden, Ontario, on January 22, 2003, a by-law to stop up, close and convey the portions of road allowance more particularly described as follows:

Part No.2 as shown on Reference Plan No. 19R 6602, a plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Limited, deposited in the Land Registry Office on February 26th, 1999, and,

Part No.8 as shown on Reference Plan No.19R 3239, a plan of survey prepared by Bishop and Wilson, deposited in the Land Registry Office on February 4th, 1985.

The aforementioned plans of survey are available for perusal at the Roads Department Office, 3 Saint Germaine St., Minden, Ontario during regular office hours. (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday)

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the County of Haliburton shall then and there hear in person, or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Township of Minden Hills this 23rd, day of December, 2002.

Brian W. Mulholland, Operations and Approvals Officer
(705) 286-1766 office
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The County of Haliburton and partner organizations are in the process of applying for Portal and Infrastructure funding from the Ontario Government under the Connect Ontario initiative and the Federal Government Broadband for Rural and Northern Development initiative.

Under these initiatives it is mandatory that a realistic estimate of costs to implement a suitable Broadband Digital Network within the County of Haliburton be used in submissions.

On the basis that either or both of the senior government awards are granted to the County of Haliburton, a Request for Quotation (RFQ) based on both this Request for Information (RFI) and the resulting responses will be issued in the winter or spring of 2003.

All interested companies and/or individuals that could potentially be awarded a contract to implement and maintain the network are invited to participate in the RFI.

Detailed information relating to the RFI may be obtained by contacting the undersigned prior to February 3rd, 2003.

Mr. Gary King, CAO
County of Haliburton
Administration Office
11 Newcastle Street, Box 399
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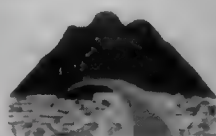
Notice of Public Presentation of Draft Plan for City of Kawartha Lakes Forests

The planning team will be presenting the Draft Forest Management Plan for the City of Kawartha Lakes to the public on Wednesday, January 29, 2003, at City Hall, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay in the Victoria Room (2nd Floor) from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The City of Kawartha Lakes has contracted *Guenkel, Rogers & Associates* to prepare a new twenty year (2003-2022) Forest Management Plan for the City of Kawartha Lakes forests in Somerville Township and smaller tracts located in the former Laxton, Emily and Manvers Townships.

The long-term plan, and 5-year operational plan will provide recommendations and guidance to the City of Kawartha Lakes on how to best address the concerns of the forest users, and achieve good forest management within these forests.

All inquiries are welcome. If you have any questions please contact James Rogers at (705) 799-2470 or fax at (705) 879-7297 or e-mail at jas@sympatico.ca or Garry Durnan at the City of Kawartha Lakes at (705) 324-9411 extension 226 or fax at (705) 324-2051 or e-mail at gurnan@city.kawarthalakes.on.ca



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- File No. SRA-02-02
Applicant - **ROBIN WALTER, IRENE MACLEAN AND JAMES HAWKEY**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 14 and 15, Concession 11, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7442, registered October 30, 2002.
- File No. SRA-02-13
Applicant - **JOYCE BROWN**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Salerno Lake, lying in front of Lot 33, Concession 4, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Parts 2, 7 and 8 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7435, registered October 21, 2002.
- File No. SRA-02-12
Applicant - **JOYCE BROWN, SANDRA BROWN AND LESLIE SOEVER**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Salerno Lake, lying in front of Lot 33, Concession 4, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 4 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7435, registered October 21, 2002.
- File No. RA-02-03
Applicant - **STUART SMITH, CHRISTINE SPENCER AND JANET SMITH**
A portion of the former Twelve Mile Lake Road being Part of Lot 13, Concession 11, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Parts 3 and 4 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7445, registered November 1, 2002.
- File No. SRA-02-11
Applicant - **MARILYN DIPPELL AND JOHN DIPPELL (TRUSTEES)**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 7, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7447, registered November 4, 2002.
- File No. SRA-02-06
Applicant - **KEVIN MCGILLIVRAY**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 13, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7443, registered October 31, 2002.
- File No. SRA-01-03
Applicant - **EMILY COOKE**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 9, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7437, registered October 23, 2002.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the former Lutterworth Municipal Office, Hwy. #35 South of Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 30th day of December, 2002.

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County of Haliburton RAIL TRAIL MASTER PLAN

The County of Haliburton invites firms experienced in the development of recreation trails to submit a proposal to create a master plan for the abandoned rail corridor from the southern boundary of the County (at Kinmount) to the Village of Haliburton.

An information package containing details of the project is available to interested firms after 8:30 a.m. Monday, January 13, 2003. Firms wishing to receive this information package may contact Mrs. Shirley Kirk at (705) 286-1762.

Questions regarding the Request for Proposal or the Rail Corridor may be directed to Mr. Roy Haig, C.E.T., Engineering Services Manager via telephone (705) 286-1762, fax (705) 286-4881, e-mail rhaig@county.haliburton.on.ca.

Proposals must be sent to the attention of Mr. Jim Blake, Chairman of the Haliburton County Rail Trail Committee, c/o The County of Haliburton, P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0, no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 14, 2003.



County of Haliburton Class Environmental Assessment Replacement of the Twin Multiplate Culverts on County Road 503 at Gooderham

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

The County of Haliburton has identified the need to replace the existing twin multiplate steel culverts located on County Road 503 (approximately 300 metres west of the intersection of County Road 507 and 503 at Gooderham) to address structural deficiencies.

The project is being planned under **Schedule B** of the **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**.

For further information on this project, or to inspect a copy of the Class Environmental Assessment, please contact:

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Mr. Brad Kalus, C.E.T.
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Public input and comment are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project, and will be received until February 14, 2003. Subject to comments received and the receipt of necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the planning, design and construction of this project, to be completed by the fall of 2003.

This Notice issued January 10, 2003

Here is some interesting information passed along to me recently (sorry for the US spin but it's still interesting). The year 1902 was only one hundred years ago... What a difference a century makes!

The average life expectancy in the US was 47-years.

Only 14% of the homes in the US had a bath tub. Only 8% of the homes had a telephone. A 3-minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11! There were only 8,000 cars in the US and only 144-miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower in France.

The average wage in the US was 22-cents an hour. The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year. A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95% of all births in the US took place at home.

Ninety per cent of all US Physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost 4-cents a pound. Eggs were 14-cents a dozen. Coffee cost 15-cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo. The five leading causes of death in the US were [in order of frequency]: Pneumonia and influenza, tuberculosis, diarrhea, heart disease and stroke.

The American flag had 45-stars, Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

One in ten US adults could not read or write.

Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drug stores. According to one pharmacist, "heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and the bowels, and is in fact a perfect guardian of health."

Eighteen per cent of all households in the US had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

There were about 230 reported murders in the US.

What a difference 100 years makes!!

Birthday wishes for January 12 to 18 go out to Hazel Sears, Joyce McKey, Spencer Mead and John Walker. Happy Birthday and have a wonderful day!

H.H. If one of your saucepan lids is missing a knob, put a screw through the hole with the point upwards and push a cork down on it for a new knob.

Pace slows down at Hyland Crest

Today things are getting back to normal with all our Christmas decorations down and stored away for another year. The holidays are wonderful and we enjoyed them immensely, but it is time to be back to our now welcomed daily affairs at a slower pace.

Last Friday Father Hart was by with his guitar to perform Mass. Unfortunately his flock was small, however we're sure many will be out to welcome him next time.

That evening Cooper, Schell and Owens performed for us at Happy Hour. With help from Pearl, Marg and Don we had no problem enjoying an evening of fun and music.

Our bingo was held downstairs on Saturday with big winners Elli Boehm and Lilian Harrison. Once again thanks go to our helpers Pearl and Maxine.

Rev. Burgess is back with us again now that he is feeling better. We certainly missed his weekly visits. Rev. Everall and helpers were here Sunday and performed a charming Chapel Service.

After a quiet Sunday we look forward to our Keep Fit program each Monday. We were also blessed with Joy Bain who led us on piano to an old fashioned sing-song that afternoon.

Next was Tuesday, which brings us our regular Chapel Service. Pastor Ashley Taylor performed the service but we must say thank you also to our helpers Sheila, along with Jack and Ruth Worthington. Tuesday is also crafts day, so many were busy making place-mats for our upcoming family dinner. We are looking forward to this grand affair with family, especially after the disappoint-

ment of having to cancel our Christmas family gathering.

We passed the rest of the day playing games downstairs. Emma Hewitt, Betty Emslie, Alice Sedgewick and Ruth Nesbitt played dominoes. Emma Hewitt gave everyone lessons and was by far our big winner.

On Wednesday we had Keep Fit. This gives our bodies and minds a workout. There's nothing like starting your day with a little exercise.

Cards got going with some euchre players filling the tables. They were Mary Goldsmith, Margaret Besse, Edna Trumbull, Alice Sedgewick, Ellen Holden and Corinne Arsenault. Our main player "Roy" was not feeling well. We do hope he's up to playing next week as we do enjoy beating him. Ha ha.

Staff has just implemented a new program called "Fun on Wheels." They bring a cart around with games, books, pictures, etc. It's a great way to get something started, as we get into a slump by just sitting around. This helps to get us up and involved in things. Sometimes we just need a little prompting.

We have almost covered the highlights of the last week. Here we are at Happy Hour once again. This week the Norland Hillbillies, with Jean and Terry Boyce, Bill Law, Bob Robertson, Dan Diebel and special guest Ross Wray. Thank you folks for an evening full of musical entertainment and Hillbilly fun.

This week we welcome Bruce Birrell who is visiting us on respite.

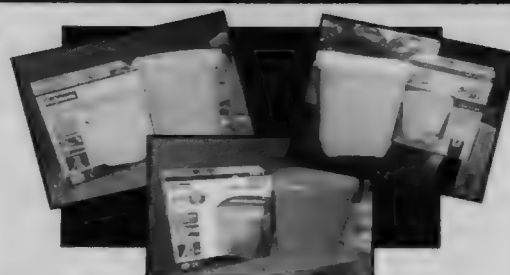
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440 THANK YOU

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, phone calls, donations and words of encouragement. It has been a long, difficult journey for our Mom but along the way we had some great adventures and great times. She was a wonderful woman with a very strong spirit and will be deeply missed. To Kirsten, Barry, Gord, Donna and staff of the Gord Monk Funeral Home, thank you for your excellent care. Thank you to Pastor Ashley Taylor for leading a beautiful service for Mom and to the Minden Bible Church ladies for the lovely luncheon. Thank you Alicia for her special song for Mom. Mom has had so many wonderful caregivers and "special friends" over the past years and I would like to say how much your support and kindness has meant to my family and I. To my wonderful family and friends, I love you so much and, together, we will cherish Mom's memory always. She will remain "Forever Young". Patti Prentice & Peter Pimm. CA

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460 OBITUARIES

ELVA COULTER
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in her 88th year.

Beloved wife of the late Stanley Coulter, dear mother of Margaret and her husband Jack Lapping, Reg Coulter, and predeceased by Ron Coulter. Loving grandmother of 6 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Dear sister of the late Irene, Ken, Eva, Norma and Ross. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews from the Minden area. Elva was born and raised in Blairhampton with her family and she was the daughter of the late Alf and Ellie Little. A Graveside Service will be held in the spring at Zion United Church Cemetery, Carnarvon. — Submitted by niece Audrey Reynolds.

GEORGE BILLINGS (Resident of Tory Hill, Ontario): At Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, January 7, 2003, in his 87th year. Beloved companion of Helen Henry. Loving father of Herbert (Joanne) of Oshawa, Gary Henry (Michelle) of Courtoice, Penny (Bob Scott) and Angela Henry, both of Oshawa. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Amanda, Matthew, Nicole, Amy, Bradley, Liz and Brittany. Dear brother of Charles of Tory Hill and Clara (Mrs. George MacDuff) of Gooderham. Predeceased by his brothers Gordon, Lester, Bob, Bill, Jim, Ross and his sister. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday morning, January 9, 2003, from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment later Essonville Cemetery, Essonville. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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HEDDI SCHEME (Resident of Extencicare-Haliburton): At Extencicare-Haliburton on Saturday morning, January 4, 2003, in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late Erik Scheme. Loving father of Hans (Leslie) of California, Sigi (Sergio) of Eagle Lake, and Frank (Paulette) of Ottawa. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held in June 2003. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Eagle Lake Church Building Fund would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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MARY BELL (Resident of Ox Narrows, Ontario and Former Owner of Hair Cair and Hitching Post - Carnarvon): At St. Joseph's Hospital (Roger St. Site), Peterborough, on Monday, January 6, 2003, in her 58th year. Beloved wife of David. Loving mother of Tammy bell, David (Tanya), Darryl (Karla), and Darwin. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Davey, Kayla, Devon, Logan, Tyler, Corrie, Letisha, Steven and Nelson. Dear sister of Sandra (Marty Stickle), Jim Williamson (Jeanie), Danea (Zoey) and Darcie (Paul). Also fondly remembered by her special friend John Fountain. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, (705) 457-9209, on Thursday afternoon, January 9, 2003 from 1 o'clock until time of Memorial Services in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Feed the Children's International, P.O. Box 419055, Kansas City, MO 64141 would be appreciated by the family.

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PETER T. SWEET
Passed away suddenly at his
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At the age of 70.

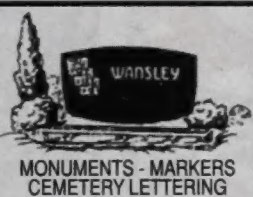
Fondly remembered by Pat Woodcroft and Don Heaven. Peter's wish was for cremation. A Private Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden.

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460 OBITUARIES

REISS LUDWIG (Owner of Hilltop Market, Haliburton): At Haliburton Hospital on January 1, 2003 in his 74th year. Beloved husband of Agnes Wilhelmer. Loving father of Margaret of Haliburton. Dear brother of Ferdinand, Emy, Vince, Margaret, Helen and Adolf. Predeceased by his brother Andreas. Also lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. 118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Friday evening, January 3, 2003 from 6-9 p.m. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Saturday morning, January 4, 2003 at 11 o'clock. Reception followed in the Reception Room at the Funeral Home. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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- **Looking for Team Leaders!** To help to improve the quality of life for people with spinal cord injury. Organize a Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion event on Saturday, June 14th, 2003 for Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation. Contact: Sandee Mann, 1-800-213-2131, www.rickhansen.com.
- **CLIMAX Climbing Club** every Tuesday at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for Parents and Children under 13 years, and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for teens and adults. Drop-in indoor rock climbing. For more information contact Greg Shantz at Family Services 457-5345.
- **Weight!! TOPS** - Take off pounds sensibly. Lose those excess pounds. Tops is non profit, affordable weight loss organization promoting sensible eating. For local chapter information call Lynn 705-696-3582
- **Join the Walking Club**, week day morning walks sponsored by the Haliburton Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In Minden, people can walk from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. For more information call Morris Duff at 286-6079.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
- **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM** for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary.. Call Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment. 705-328-6175
- **Urgent Need of Respite Volunteers?** Haliburton County Home Support Services is in urgent need of Respite Volunteers for the Minden area. We are looking for volunteers who would be able to give a couple of hours a week to sit, read or chat over a cup of tea with a client, while their caregiver gets a much needed break. Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? We are looking for you! Call 457-2941 for more info.
- **Guided Meditation** Sunday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Trinity Centre located at The Hair Lounge in Carnarvon.
- **Volunteers Needed** for local mediation service. Help foster conflict resolution in your community. Free training is provided for all volunteer mediators. For more detailed information, please call 457-3499 extension 608.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** is considering another trip to the wonderful musical mamma Mia. If you are interested in seeing Mamma Mia, please call Adel Barnes at 448-2838.
- **December 27-January 1:** Karma Chime will teach according to the experience and ability of those attending with a focus on the path of awakening, Meditations, focus on breathing, loving kindness, compassion, transcendental joy, equanimity and peace. People may follow the retreat program or pursue another meditation practice with guidance from Karma Chime. Call 705-488-2704 or e-mail: info@dharmacentre.org for details.
- **January is Alzheimer Awareness Month.** Many Businesses will be selling the Forget Me Not Emblems. Please give to the Local Society by purchasing the Emblems for \$1.00. With your support, we can continue to provide local programs and education to families of those caring for a loved one affected with Alzheimer Disease or related dementias.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a SECURITY CHECK PHONE CALL. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- **Home Support** is holding an ongoing Treasure Sale in the Drop in Centre in the Halco Plaza. We accept items in good condition. Drop in and check it out.
- **January 15:** The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough & Area (ASPA) Open Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Sir Sandford Fleming College, room 301, 599 Brealey Dr. Peterborough (Go through front door, downstairs to the coffee shop and turn left - elevator available) Parking is \$2.00. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Lwis 705-748-5131 or 1-800-561-2588.
- **January 15:** Women's Institute of Minden urge you to start the New Year with us. Come to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 1:30 p.m. and let us give you a most enjoyable afternoon as we discuss a variety of subjects.
- **January 16:** Haliburton 50+ Club... welcomes you to join us at the Haliburton Legion Hall for our next meeting. This month will be our annual fun filled auction, so we ask that you bring out your oldies but goodies and enjoy a great evening of hectic bidding. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members or guests welcome. If attending, please let Mary or Brian know by Tues. Jan. 14th. Call 754-3319.
- **January 20:** Robbie Burns Supper at Burnt River Community Centre at 6 p.m. Tickets available from June Hunter at 454-1653 or 454-8045 (Burnt River), Jenny Colquhoun 454-3090 (Cobocok) and Sheila Mitchell 488-2979 (Kinmount).
- **January 22:** Alzheimer Society of Peterborough & Area, Haliburton Family Medical Centre, 4 York St. P.O. Box 492 & Community Living Haliburton County. The Sunny Side of Stress & Delirium, Depression, Dementia: What Can Staff Do? & The Family Experience: Caregiving is an Act of Love with Consequences. At the Delta Pinestone Resort Haliburton, Ontario. Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration deadline: January 15th, 2003. For more information or to register, please contact Haliburton office (705) 457-8335.
- **January 26:** The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough & Area is holding its 2nd Annual INDOOR "Walk for Memories" fundraiser from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Steele Centre of Sir Sandford Fleming College's Brealey Campus in Peterborough. If you're interested in walking, volunteering or for more information, please contact David Irwin, Fund Development Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office. (705) 748-5131 or toll free 1-800-561-2588. This event takes place in conjunction with January Alzheimer Awareness Month.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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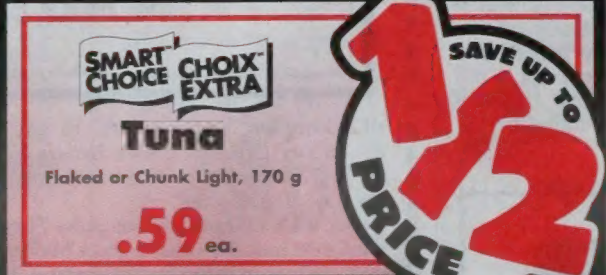
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